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Copenhagen, To-day. "I have not been instructed to convey a message to Mr. Chamberlain or to anybody else," said the Soviet Ambassador to London, M. Maisky, when he made a short stop-over here, and was questioned by Danish journalists.

He said that Soviet Russia was prepared to deliver war material and planes to the western Democracies if they were attacked. Soviet Russia, he concluded, had submitted proposals to Britain and was now waiting for a reply.

—Trans-Ocean.

**SIGNIFICANT  
TOUR BY REICH  
ARMY CHIEF**

Rome, To-day.

The Commander in Chief of the German army, General von Brauchitsch, will arrive in Rome on Saturday for an official visit which will last until May 10 and include a sojourn of several days in Tripoli.

Following the ceremonies of welcome on his arrival, he will go

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A speech of unusual gravity by the Prime Minister who declared that slight weight in one direction or another may determine whether war breaks out;

Mr. Churchill's dictum on the Hitler speech, expected at 7 p.m. (Hong Kong Time): "If he utters reassurances I for one will not believe them until they are confirmed by deeds;"

Overwhelming endorsement of conscription in the House of Commons, despite the Labour Party's Opposition;

Discussion in the Senate of a resolution to place an embargo on all exports to Japan, except agricultural products;

Commencement of the passage of the United States fleet into the Pacific;

Gathering tension in Europe, with the German press indulging in a violent anti-British campaign are the high-spots of to-day's news.

Gravity of the general situation is indicated by the decision of Mr. de Valera to cancel his visit to the United States, following important talks between Mr. Chamberlain and the Eire High Commissioner in London, and by the announcement that the King and Queen will proceed to Canada in the Empress of Australia.

Bitterness aroused in Germany by the British conscription decision is revealed in caustic press comment, with indications that Germany may now denounce the Anglo-German naval treaty.

The "Nachtausgabe" describes the conscription measure as "bluff and an attempt to evade a decision."

**"WAR FOOTING"**

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" concentrates on Mr. Chamberlain's view that the present can fairly be called peacetime, and observes: If Britain has now placed herself on a war footing, this is because she has entered into commitments which would automatically become operative in certain circumstances—and which, moreover,

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**MILLION  
UNDER ARMS  
IN POLAND**

Warsaw, To-day. Poland has one million men under arms, it is stated by the Government organ.

These are the first figures of the mobilisation of Poland published.

The million is composed of 400,000 active troops and 600,000 reserves.—Trans-Ocean.

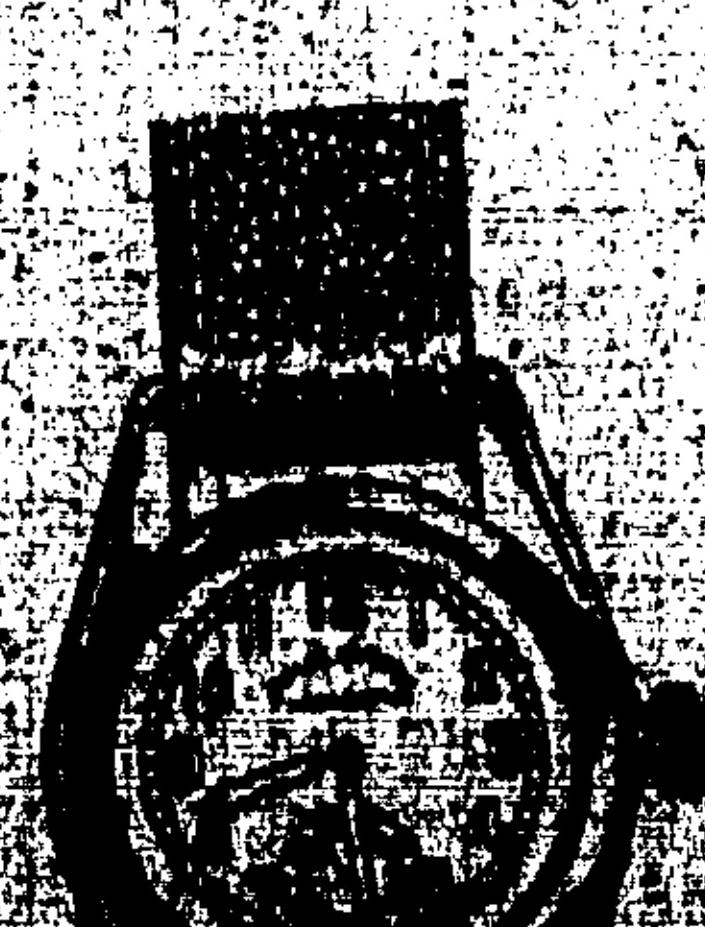
**NO ITALIAN  
REPLY TO PRES.  
ROOSEVELT**

Rome, To-day. Formal Italian answer to the Roosevelt message will not be communicated, it is reported in well-informed circles.

The recent speech of Mussolini and the Reichstag address of the German Chancellor will provide a sufficient reply, it is declared.—Trans-Ocean.

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# Britain's Growing Might

"Surprise For Any Aggressor"--Lord Chatfield



Photo taken after the wedding at St. Andrew's yesterday, of Mr. A. S. ("Sonny") Bliss and Miss Phyllis Gittins.

## Britain's Army Balance Sheet

London, To-day.

The Secretary for War, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, concluding the House of Commons debate yesterday, gave the military balance sheet.

The actual number in the Regular Army, he said, was 204,000 compared with an establishment of 224,000.

The Territorial Army 167,000 compared with an establishment of 325,000, and

The anti-aircraft army 80,000, compared with an establishment of 96,000.

Recruits came in during April at the rate of 2,000 a day.

The number of men engaged actually under the new scheme would mean that approximately the strength of the Regular Army would be trained.

No voluntary scheme on a part-time basis could secure so rapid an accretion of trained strength.

Voluntary recruiting for the Territorial Army would be in no way modified.

### MILITARY NECESSITY

There was military necessity for the new scheme. It placed a strain on a reserve of considerable proportion at the disposal of the Regular Army, and it had to keep the Territorial Army in a state of readiness.

"It will be possible under the scheme to advance or retard the age in cases in which a man's curriculum would be hampered. That will cover the apprentice student."

### MINISTRY OF SUPPLY

"The only other obligation for those called up will be 30 drills and two or three weeks in camp for three and a half years. It is the fairest system that could be devised."

"The institution of a Ministry of Supply empowered to secure priority of orders may be described as concentration of industries."

### CONCENTRATION OF WEALTH

"Concentration of wealth is the

## Minister On A "Tragic Mistake"

Two Cabinet Ministers, Mr. Stanley, President of the Board of Trade and Lord Chatfield Minister for Co-ordination of Defence, referred in speeches to the measures taken by Britain to be ready in the event of war.

They were speaking at the annual dinner of the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom at Grosvenor House. The Duke of Kent was present.

Lord Chatfield, making his first after-dinner speech as a Minister, said: "The pessimist in peace is too apt to be the defeatist if we get into trouble.

"We live in a time when unfortunately politics are dominated by force, and, if we wish to have an effective and efficient foreign policy, it is essential that our fighting services be as strong as we know them to be courageous.

"An attempt to dominate Europe is less likely if there are forces rising to oppose it which might make it less likely of success. Therefore, the growing might of Britain may play a not unimportant part in ensuring that force shall not threaten the independence of any European State."

### PROTECTING TRADE ROUTES

Outlining the steps taken to ensure Britain's trade routes in wartime Lord Chatfield said:

"We have organised a convoy system ready to operate at any moment;

"We have ready a very large number of guns to arm merchant ships in wartime, and we have stiffened hundreds to take them:

"We have trained 9,000 officers of the merchant marine in the duties which will fall to them in time of war and we have started to train seamen."

Referring to the dangers which would have to be met, Lord Chatfield said we had already found the measure of submarines, but not until a war came should we be able to tell if our measures against the danger from the air were adequate. "We have a surprise for those who think to inflict a vital blow to our arteries in war," he added.

### "TERRIBLY TRAGIC MISTAKE"

A warning to any who should repeat the challenge to the peace of the world of 20 years ago was given by Mr. Stanley.

Discussing the details of the Government's proposals for subsidising merchant shipping, he said these were designed to be both economic and strategic. They constitute an emergency programme.

These, he said, were dark days. Britain had believed after the war that everybody had learned the lesson that she had.

"It seems we were wrong," continued Mr. Stanley. "It seems that only 20 years after there are again some who have forgotten that lesson, some who try again to present war as a glorious event and who represent us as soft and decadent."

EDWARDIAN THE LIBERTIES OF THE NATION.

"There are fears among the Opposition, not so much of what is being done, as what may be done," said Mr. Hore-Belisha.

Mr. Hore-Belisha returned to the

"What a terribly tragic mistake. If the call comes we shall answer it, not with the shouts and the clamour of any facile mob, easily roused and easily dissolved, but with conviction and hope and anger which will last through to the end."

### FUTURE OF SHIPPING

The Duke of Kent said that while the seaman had never lacked somebody to sing his glories and sympathise with his troubles, the shipowner had rarely attracted the enthusiasm or sympathy of the poet. But if hard facts had driven off the poet they had never deterred the shipowner.

"To-day the shipping industry is having to face facts which at first sight seem to present obstacles of almost insurmountable magnitude," said the Duke. "I say 'at first sight' because I am convinced that they are obstacles which the British shipping industry will surmount triumphantly.

"I believe that the industry derived some measure of confidence in the future of British shipping from the Government's invitation to them to put forward proposals for assistance, and from the success of their efforts to formulate, for the Government's consideration, proposals which had the support of the whole industry.

"I feel that this confidence has received a great stimulus from Mr. Stanley's announcement."

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## Fleet Passing Panama

Panama, To-day.

THE United States Fleet which is returning to the Pacific, has begun to pass into the Panama Canal.

International tension is reflected by the anti-air machine gunners and guard the Canal banks and locks.

This is an unprecedented precaution in peacetime.

"I SHOULD NOT LIKE TO AWAKEN THE ASSUMPTION THAT I REGARD WAR AS IMMINENT. I DO NOT, BUT I BELIEVE THAT WE ARE FACING A SITUATION IN WHICH A VERY SLIGHT WEIGHT IN ONE DIRECTION OR THE OTHER COULD DETERMINE WHETHER WAR BREAKS OUT." — MR. CHAMBERLAIN IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS LAST NIGHT.

# MR. CHURCHILL'S STIRRING SPEECH

## PROPOSAL FORCED ON THE GOVERNMENT

London, To-day.  
LT.-COL. L. C. M. S. Amery, Conservative Member for Sparkbrook and most prominent of the Tory diehards, declared during the Commons debate on conscription that sheer military necessity had forced the present proposal on the Government.

Answering Opposition criticism, Lt.-Col. Amery asked that if it was right to take men compulsorily in confusion and hurry after war had started, why is it wrong to take them in order and systematically give them a chance of preparing themselves for service.

He hoped the Opposition would refrain from casting a vote which would be misunderstood by friends abroad and would give unpleasant satisfaction to our opponents.

In this matter, the nation, he thought, was far ahead of the Government and of the Opposition.

### THE ISSUE FOR LABOUR

Mr. E. G. Hicks (Labour Member for Woolwich East, who is also a member of the Trades Union Congress), stated the opinion that conscription was the basis of totalitarianism.

He declined to believe that the voluntary system had broken down.

"We love our country, as Hitler or anyone else would soon discover if they started to attack this country."

### NO VIOLENT DENUNCIATION

Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, former First Lord of the Admiralty, regretted that a division was to be taken on the motion.

They had not heard any violent denunciation of the principle they were discussing.

Mr. Duff-Cooper returned to London from Paris yesterday morning, and said that the effect of Mr. Chamberlain's conscription announcement in the French capital was electric.

Mr. George Lansbury (Labour, Bow and Bromley), in a pacifist speech, declared that conscription would give the Government a weapon to destroy the workers' economic claims.

### RECENT CONVERT

Brigadier-General Sir Henry Page-Croft (Conservative, Bournemouth), who confessed himself a recent convert to conscription, said that trained reserves were now available to meet any emergency.

## Hitler In Due Proportion

London, To-day. Mr. Winston Churchill's speech in the conscription debate in the House of Commons yesterday was illuminated with the customary graphic illustrations.

Dealing with the assumption that the issue should be submitted to an election, he did not doubt the Government would win.

However, we should have a new Parliament deeply bitter with a large minority in the nation worked up into burning anti-Government opposition. If the Opposition won and established the principle of no compulsory military service, the whole resistance of Europe to Nazi domination would collapse.

As an illustration of French feelings, Mr. Churchill said that although it was highly improbable, "let us suppose that Gibraltar is attacked by German ships next week. Two million Frenchmen would in a few days stand under enemy fire."

Later Mr. Churchill expressed approbation of the step taken on its merits as a purely British measure and not as an after comment on to-day's Hitler speech.

"I do not attach particular importance to that speech.

"If Hitler utters menaces it does not make the situation worse than it appears on actual facts.

### ACTIONS NOT WORDS

"If he utters reassurances, I for one will not believe them until they are confirmed by deeds.

"If he utters mere abuse, why should we pay attention to it?

"We pay too much attention to the Dictators' speeches and too little study to their marshalling of forces and spreading of their authority which is continually going on."

Supporting the Government motion, Mr. Churchill forebore to recapitulate the successive conversions of the Government in the last six weeks. (Laughter).

### GOOD FAITH

However he strongly defended the Prime Minister on the score of good faith.

The supreme pledge which is tacitly given by anyone holding the first office of the State is to act in accordance with what he believes the national needs and safety.

He agreed with the danger of Nazi propaganda about "England fighting to the last Frenchman."

The French do not easily understand the deep British prejudices against militarism, and their lack of attachment to the voluntary system.

Within two months of the commencement of war, Rou-

## HITLER SPEECH NOT A REPLY

Washington, To-day. President Roosevelt will refuse to consider Hitler's speech as a reply to his appeal, according to high quarters.

The official attitude is that the President expects a written reply to a written appeal, in accordance with diplomatic procedure, and there will therefore be no official American comment on Hitler's speech. — Reuter.

## LORDS ACCEPT CONSCRIPTION WITHOUT DIVISION

London, To-day. Earl Stanhope, First Lord of the Admiralty, moved in the House of Lords yesterday a resolution similar to the Government motion in the House of Commons regarding conscription.

Lord Stanhope was received with cheers seldom heard in the House of Lords.

Lord Stanhope emphasised the new obligations to Poland, Rumania and Greece, and also that

## EMBARGO ON JAPAN: U.S. CAN GIVE TEN DAYS' NOTICE

Washington, To-day.

Senator Key Pittman yesterday introduced in Congress a resolution empowering the President, after ten days' notice, to place an embargo on all exports to Japan except agricultural products.

The resolution is actually directed against any violator of the Nine-Power Treaty but Senator Pittman let it be known that it is intended primarily to affect Japan.

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countries like France and Russia had compulsory service.

Lord Neill and Lord Samuel on behalf of India and Ireland respectively opposed the motion on the ground that conscription was unnecessary as more men had been volunteers than could be given equipment and training facilities.

The House agreed to the conscription motion without a division. — Reuters.

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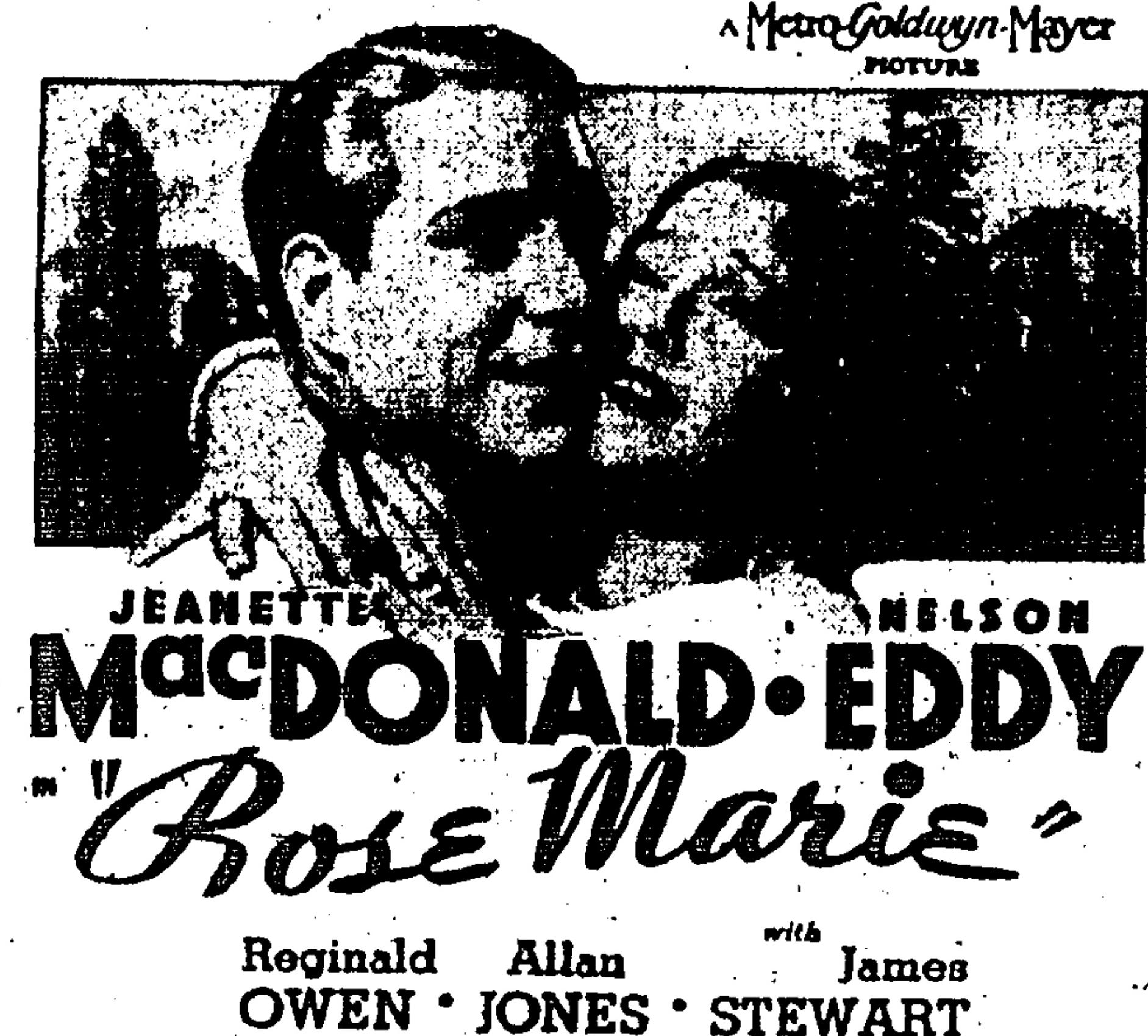
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# Manslaughter Verdict In Cafe Case

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Accused was charged with the murder of the Japanese, who died in the Queen Mary Hospital following an attack with a chopper by accused in a restaurant in Wanchai.

Accused was sentenced to seven years' hard labour.

Mr. J. Whyatt, Crown Counsel, appeared for the prosecution and Li was defended by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., instructed by Mr. J. T. Prior, of Wilkinson and Grist.

The jury were Messrs. B. J. Lacon (foreman), R. Johnson, R. L. S. Webb, J. Wong, F. Sanchez, M. Cario and Chan Kam-to.

Addressing the Court this morning, Mr. Sheldon stated that the picture drawn by the prosecution was entirely inaccurate. Deceased, according to witnesses for the defence, was addicted to drink and a troublesome man. There was evidence of a struggle before the fatal attack, supported by Chan Fong, waitress, a married woman and her nephew.

Mr. Sheldon submitted that the evidence of the waitress was uncontradicted and unchallenged. Counsel contended that in view of the evidence of the waitress, the married woman and her nephew, the case opened by the Crown "has vanished into thin air."

Referring to the medical evidence, Counsel asked whether the Jury was satisfied that the blows caused the death of Sagara.

One of the doctors pointed out Counsel admitted that he could not tell to what degree dysentery contributed to the death. Another doctor was also in doubt. He stated that Sagara would "most probably have been alive to-day", and added that but for the wounds "I think" he would have been alive.

Mr. Sheldon submitted that if the Jury were satisfied that deceased died from dysentery there were then only two possible verdicts which they could return. One, guilty, but insane; and the other, guilty of manslaughter. Counsel contended that a conviction for murder was entirely out of the question.

Counsel submitted that deceased in a semi-drunken state struck and taunted accused who in a blind rage took up the chopper and struck deceased.

Mr. Sheldon suggested that if the Jury found accused guilty of manslaughter, they add a rider recommending the utmost mercy.

Crown Counsel, Mr. John Whyatt pointed out that a procession of Crown witnesses had stated that they heard and saw no signs of commotion.

Counsel added that for a period of seven weeks after the incident there had been no suggestion put by the accused of an attack by deceased or of provocation.

This was a case, said Mr. Whyatt, of a Chinese attacking a Japanese for reasons known to all. It was crime of revenge.

In his summing up, the Chief Justice said that there were four verdicts which could be returned. One of guilty of murder; one, guilty of murder, but insane; one, guilty of attempted murder; and one, of guilty of manslaughter.

The Chief Justice pointed out that there was nothing in the trial from beginning to end which could entitle the Jury to return a verdict of not guilty.

If the Jury were satisfied that death was caused by dysentery they would have to consider a verdict of attempted murder. In considering the suggestion of insanity, His Lordship said that accused's mental history and his reactions after the attack would have to be considered, but the statements made by accused after the attack showed that he had full knowledge of what he had done.

If the Jury accepted accused's second statement and part of the evidence of the waitress, the married woman and her nephew, that there was a degree of provocation, they would be justified in returning a verdict of guilty of manslaughter.

The Chief Justice pointed out that the defence had never suggested to any of the Crown's witnesses that any slapping incident occurred.

"It is usual, almost essential," said the Chief Justice, "for the defence counsel to indicate the nature of the defence by putting questions to witnesses."

The Jury deliberated for over half an hour before returning their verdict.

## NORWEGIAN LINER IN COLLISION

New York, To-day.

A Norwegian liner with the Crown Prince and Princess of Norway on board, collided with the pilot boat when approaching New York in dense fog yesterday.

The pilot boat's crew were picked up by nearby boats and there were no casualties.—Reuter.

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# MR. ATTLEE EMPHASISES FIRST LINE OF LABOUR AMENDMENT

London, To-day. Mr. C. R. Attlee, Leader of the Labour Opposition, who was loudly cheered by his Party, declared during the House of Commons conscription debate his desire to emphasise the first line of the Labour amendment.

This reads: "Whilst prepared to take all necessary steps to provide for the safety of the nation and fulfilment of its international obligations."

No section of the country was more firmly resolved to resist any domination, whether by Hitler or anybody else, declared Mr. Attlee.

There was no question of the readiness of this people to make sacrifices to the cause of freedom and democracy.

They were opposed to the introduction of conscription because they believed that so far from strengthening the country, it would weaken it and divide it at a time when it should be strong and united.

#### MORE CONSISTENT

"We are determined as anybody else to see the defences of this country in every way developed, so that Britain is in a position of sufficient strength to fulfil all her obligations, to prevent war and to defeat aggression should it arise.

"The Labour movement has consistently stood against the rule of force, far more consistently than the Government."

Mr. Attlee complained that not until the last moment was there any consultation with the Trade Unions.

In the background of conscription there was the danger of industrial conscription.

#### BELIEF IN PLEDGE

They believed the definite pledge by the Government and they had thrown themselves into the organisation of voluntary service on the strength of that pledge.

Referring to the selection of certain age units, Mr. Attlee said it was not the right allocation of manpower to use the very young.

All the men wanted for manning the anti-aircraft defences could be got from ex-soldiers and ex-naval ratings.

The real trouble experienced by the Secretary for War had been that he was hampered all through by the reluctance of the Government to appoint a Ministry of Supply.

#### SUPPLY WANTED

It was supply we wanted more than manpower.

Amid Opposition cheers Mr. Attlee complained that Mr. Chamberlain had not dealt with conscription of wealth, and said something should be done about the repression of unnecessary luxuries.

Mr. Attlee added that the Trade Unions were apprehensive because the step might lead to industrial conscription.

#### London, To-day.

Mr. Arthur Greenwood, said he would utter no word which would give encouragement to any Dictator.

He denied there was any real change in the situation since the Premier gave his pledge.

Mr. Greenwood criticised the Government's foreign policy as floundering about and clutching one straw after another.

#### BRITAIN'S RIGHT

Britain was entitled to some say regarding the character of the help she should bring to the common problem.

"It is no reflection on our foreign friends to say that this island kingdom, with its far-flung Dominions and Colonies, has troubles to face which they do not fully appreciate.

"Without our other responsibilities we cannot be expected to provide an army on the Continental scale."

#### TERRITORIAL ENLISTMENT

If the Territorials continued enlisting at the present rate for a few months, there would be as many volunteers as the net proceeds of the Government's conscript measure.

Actually, Mr. Chamberlain's recruitment might be a minus quantity.

"British Labour warns potential aggressors that it will fight for and keep its freedom, but will not go into battle with a Government which is so afraid of the spirit of our people that it must compel a very narrow section of the people."

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## LABOUR LEADERS TO MEET AGAIN ON MONDAY

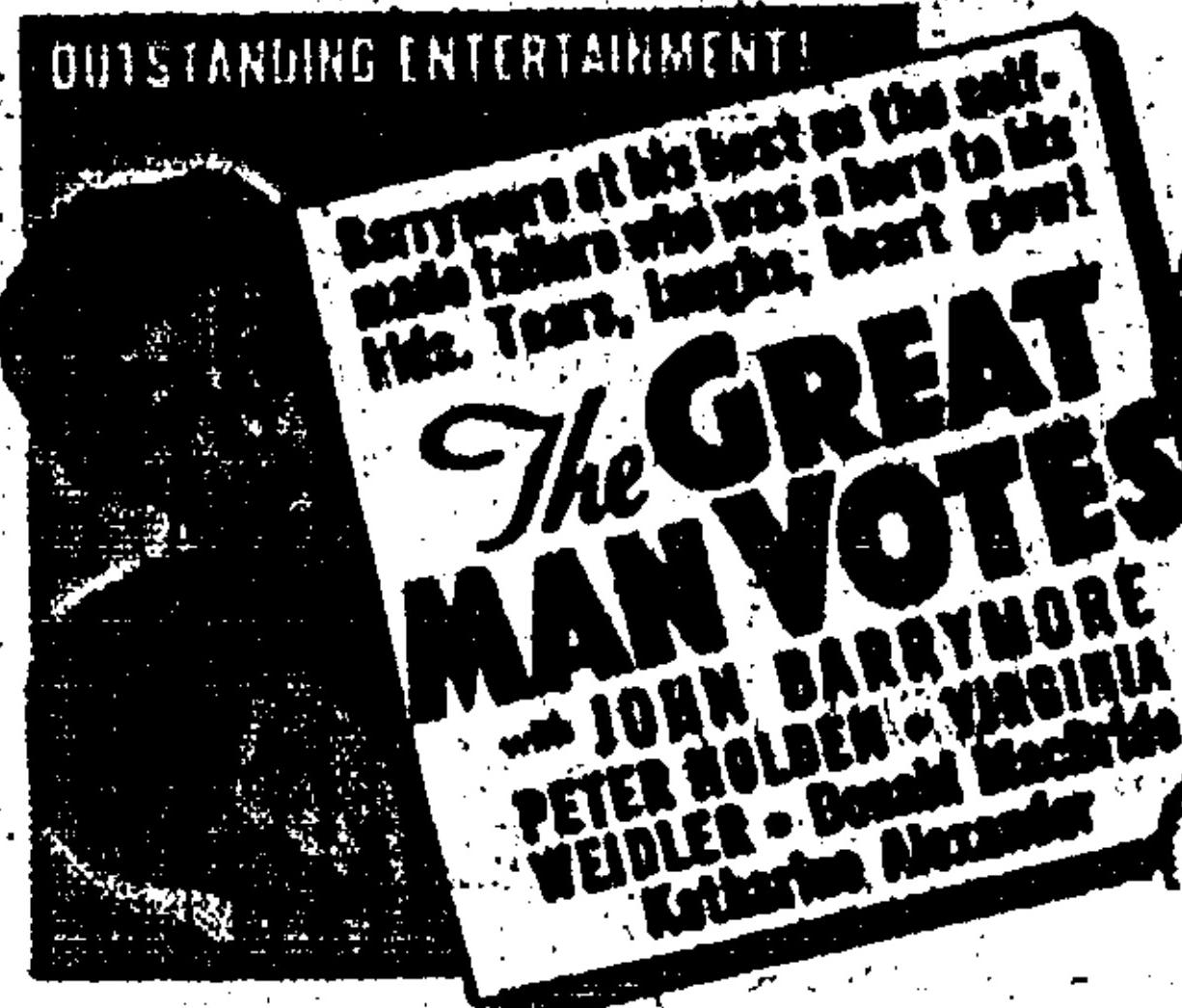
London, To-day. A joint meeting of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress and the National Executive of the Labour Party and of the Parliamentary Labour Party held yesterday, unanimously endorsed the Parliamentary Labour Party's amendment to the Government's conscription motion discussed in the Commons last night.

The meeting further decided that a meeting of the National Council of Labour should be held on Monday evening to discuss the amendment to the Government's motion.

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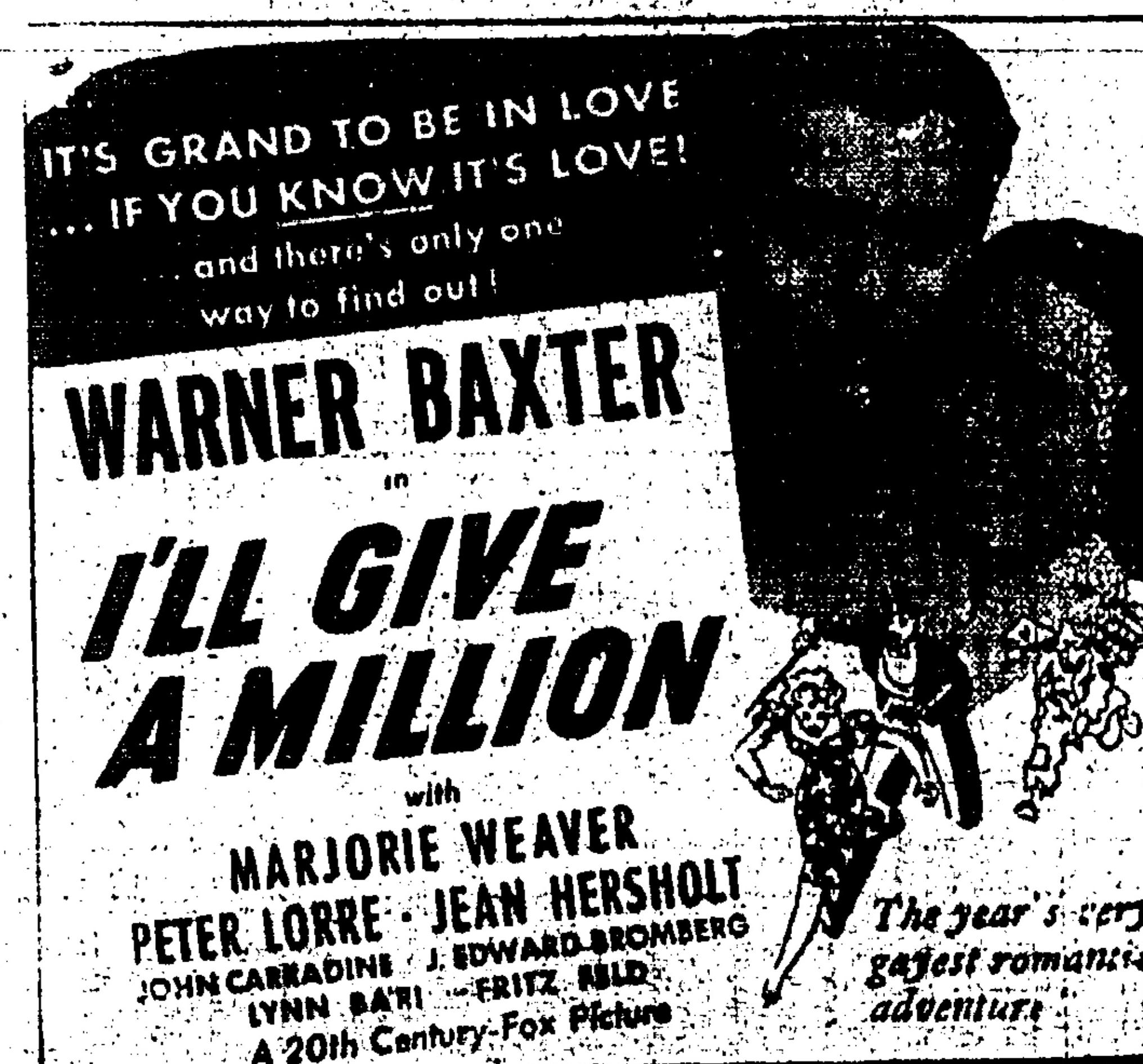
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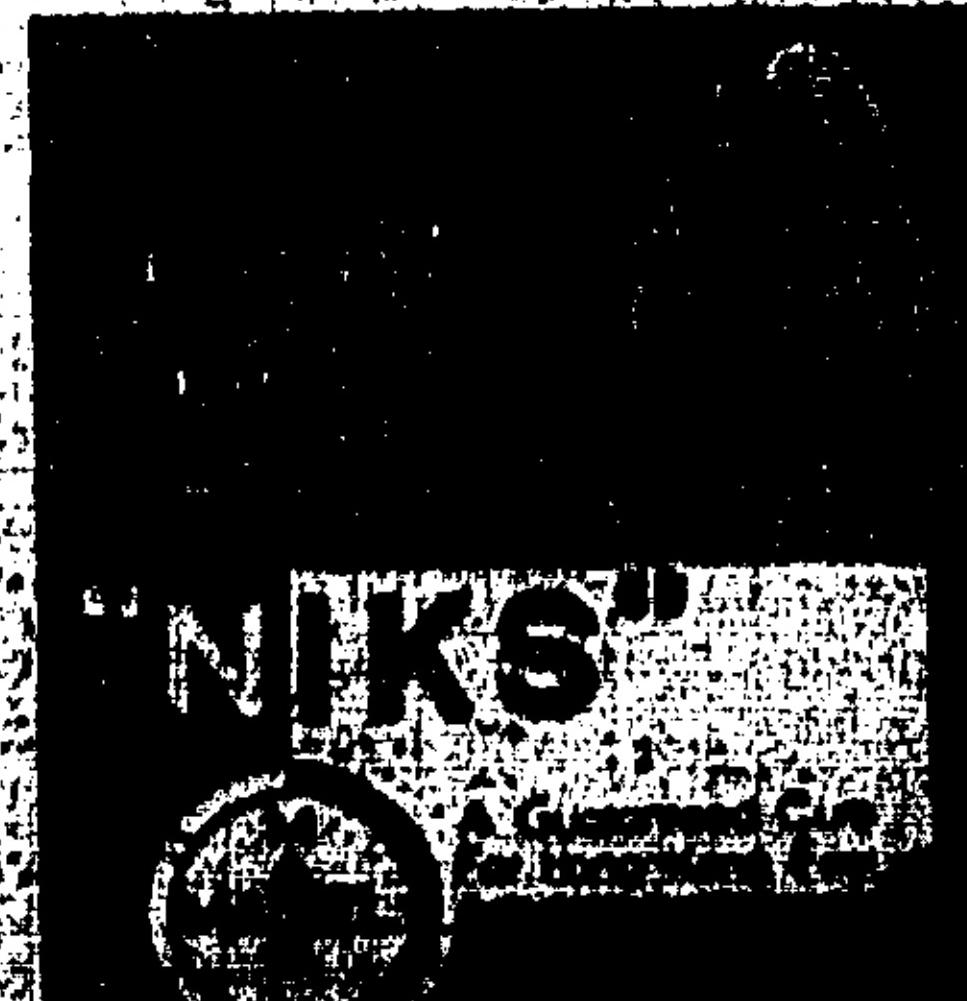
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## GOVERNMENT'S EFFORT TO CHECK EXCESSIVE PROFITS ON ARMAMENTS

London, To-day.

In indicating that the Government's efforts to prevent excessive profits on armaments had not been altogether successful, Mr. Chamberlain in the Commons debate on conscription yesterday said:

"There are obvious difficulties to be overcome but the Chancellor and his advisers are now giving particular attention to devising the best plan to achieve the purpose, and it is hoped that his proposals will be laid before Parliament at an early date."

Referring to the impropriety of wartime increases in private fortunes created by war, the Prime Minister said the view of the Government was that

If war should come, taxes on the very wealthy, which already were very high, must be further and substantially increased.

The Government felt that profiteering, where it was established in wartime, should be subjected to special penalties.

### LEVY ON CAPITAL INCREASE

He thought the subject could best be grappled by a levy on wartime increases, such as suggested

### U.S. CANCELS NAVAL CRUISE

Cherbourg, To-day.  
The U. S. Consul has been informed that "in view of the present situation," the proposed visits to Cherbourg of the United States destroyers Benham and Ellet and the submarine Saury, have been cancelled.—Reuter.

by the Select Committee in 1920 but not at that time proceeded with.—Reuter.

## SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR STATES LIBERAL CASE

London, To-day.

Sir Archibald Sinclair, Leader of the Liberals, emphasised during the conscription debate in the House of Commons yesterday the effect of the British efforts on foreign countries like the United States and Russia.

He declared: "We must make it clear to the French that we will make a contribution fully proportionate to our population, resources and responsibility."

He would tell France that we are contributing the greatest Fleet and one of the greatest air forces in the world, and also an expeditionary force of 500,000, with reserves to make it at least a million, while in the event of war our allies would want to draw on our munition factories and finance.

He was firmly convinced of the merits of the voluntary system.

"The reason which the Government did not, and could not give for the departure is that it cannot get men without conscription.

### MEN COMING FAST

"Men are coming so fast that we shall not be able to equip them for months.

"If circumstances ever imposed a departure from the voluntary system, let compulsion be applied generally not only to boys of 20."

— Reuter.

### HONG KONG'S "NATIONAL REGISTER"

HONG KONG'S "NATIONAL REGISTER" IS STILL FAR FROM COMPLETE, AND THERE IS LITTLE IMPROVEMENT SINCE A FEW DAYS AGO, WHEN LITTLE OVER 1,000 OF A POSSIBLE 10,000 HAD FILLED UP THE NECESSARY FORMS.

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# MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S APPEAL TO LABOUR

## Impressive Speech In House On Conscription

### Pleads Lack Of Time For Party Consultation

**London, To-day.**  
Moving the Government motion in the House of Commons yesterday welcoming compulsory service, the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, dealt with the question of consultation with other parties, and explained it was not the Government's intention to keep them in the dark.

Under the pressure which the Government had been working there had been no time for consultations.

If the decision had been delayed until next week, it would have been taken as being related to Hitler's speech to-day.

Replying to Mr. C. R. Attlee (Labour Opposition leader), Mr. Chamberlain said he considered it of national importance that the House arrive at an immediate decision.

There could be a debate next week on the second reading of the Bill, the text of which would be issued early next week.

Dealing with the charge that he had broken his pledges, Mr. Chamberlain quoted his previous statements on conscription, and added:

#### CHANGED CONDITIONS

"On two of those occasions, conditions were very different to what they are to-day. On neither was war imminent, and there was no question in the minds of anybody at that time that was likely to lead to war.

"Rearmament had not reached the dimensions or the pace which characterises it to-day.

"Then we thought it possible to meet all our needs by the voluntary system, though we all realised we would have to pursue a vigorous campaign if we were to bring home to the people the need for recruitment.

"Since then I have changed my mind." (A Labour member: 'Not for the first time').

Mr. Chamberlain retorted: "I think everybody has the right to change their mind when conditions alter. Nothing is more likely to lead the country into disaster than that the country should refuse to change its mind when conditions require it."

#### NEEDS OF COUNTRY

"The fact is that to-day we no longer believe the needs of the country can be met by the voluntary system if that system stands alone.

"It would mean we could not take measures for protection of the country unless we have a General Election.

"I can see that matters might be pushed to such an extremity that the Government will have no other choice, but surely a very heavy responsibility would rest on the Opposition.

#### VITAL WEEKS

"It would leave the country in a state of confusion and uncertainty.

and would postpone during what might be vital weeks those measures we think necessary.

"It would also check the output of munitions vital to us, and would distract the attention of those responsible for Government departments."

#### RELEASE

Mr. Chamberlain continued: "It is for the House of Commons to say whether they feel they ought to hold me to my pledge on conscription or release me from it.

"I trust they will confirm the view I expressed that if they do, I am confident the country will be with me. (Ministerial cheers).

"With regard to the circumstances which constrained the Government to come to this momentous conclusion, surely it is not necessary to remind the House that ever since March 29 the situation has radically changed.

"It was after March 29 that we felt compelled to give that assurance to Poland, which was afterwards followed by similar assurances to Greece and Rumania.

"Is there any member of the House who does not realise that by those assurances our liabilities were enormously increased? (Ministerial cheers).

#### CARRYING THROUGH

"Is there anyone who does not realise that the purpose of these assurances was primarily to prevent war, but that if they were to be tary point of view this is not im-

### CONSCRIPTION MOTION ADOPTED

**London, To-day.**  
The Government motion on conscription was adopted by the House of Commons yesterday by 376 votes to 145. The Labour amendment was defeated by 380 votes to 143.—Reuters.

effective we must inspire confidence, not only in the countries to which we gave assurances but throughout Europe that we meant to carry them through to the end? (Cheers).

#### DOUBTS CAST

"We have seen doubts cast upon our determination as to whether we really did mean business, and evidence has been accumulating rapidly in the last week that these doubts are increasing.

"The jibe that Britain is ready to fight to the last French soldier has been bandied about from capital to capital.

"It has been becoming clearer and clearer to us that the whole effort to build up a solid front against this idea of domination by force was being jeopardised by these doubts.

#### MR. LLOYD GEORGE

"Yesterday, Mr. Lloyd George put a question about the number of men who would become available.

"I thought I detected in that question an intention to belittle what the Government is doing.

"It would be interesting to know if Mr. Lloyd George is in favour of a large measure of conscription or whether he is against conscription altogether.

"It is important in my judgment not to belittle this great departure by his country from one of its most cherished traditions.

#### A MISTAKE

"I do not think that one can read the newspapers, and read extracts from the foreign press, without realising that the statement of the Government's intention brought relief and encouragement to all our friends in Europe.

"It would be a mistake to suppose that although the number of men affected in a single year is not large compared with the scale of Continental armies, that from the military point of view this is not im-

### Million Removed From Schedule

**London, To-day.**  
SIR John Anderson, the Minister for Civil Defence, announced in the House of Commons that the provisional schedule of reserved occupations had been overhauled.

As a result, nearly 1,500,000 men have been removed from the schedule, including 630,000 under 38 years of age.

Sir John added that this latter group would be available for service in the Territorial Army, whilst men between 38 and 50 would be available for A.R.P. work and defence of the coasts.

The Minister intimated that the introduction of compulsory service might necessitate further revision of the schedule.—Trans-Ocean.

portant."

#### APPEAL TO LABOUR

Mr. Chamberlain concluded with an appeal to the Labour Party, whose fears and doubts respecting conscription the Prime Minister said the Government earnestly endeavoured to meet.

Mr. Chamberlain emphasised that this was a limited measure designed to meet immediate temporary needs.

He declared: "I do not want to give the idea that I think war is imminent.

"I appeal to members opposite not to be hasty in making an irrevocable decision which might create in other quarters doubts about our determination to play our part to the full."—Reuters.

#### SPECIAL PROVISION

Mr. Chamberlain (quoted by British Wireless) announced it had been specially provided that the men who are affected by conscription will not be sent overseas unless and until war breaks out, when in that respect they would be in the same position as everybody else.

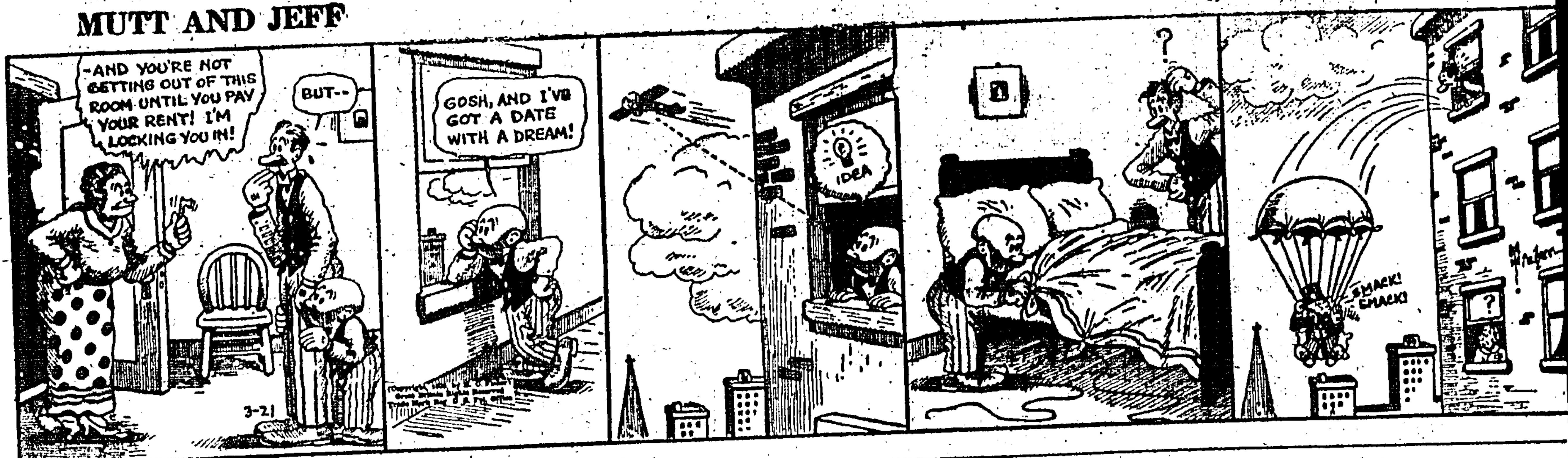
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## THE DAILY SHORT STORY

## LONG SHOT

You hear all sorts of stories in the paddock at the Hialeah race track. One wrong with a deal like that?" "O.K." he said finally. "Nothing that interested me tremendously was about the jockey Al Peasley. A man named Ivan Brown told me about Peasley. I had met Brown a week before; we had met every day since, exchanging comments about the races, about Florida's climate, about horses.

"Peasley," he said, "was about the finest jockey who was ever hoisted into a saddle. Dependable. You could put your money on the horse he rode. You probably read what happened to him last year."

I smiled in faint amusement. "I'm afraid you've taken me for much more of a horse fancier than I really am. The fact of the case is I've never been interested in horses or racing. Down here in Florida it's different. It's the thing to do to visit Hialeah, so here I am."

Brown smiled back. "I'm not much better myself. I'd heard about Peasley, though. He was thrown last year. Another horse stepped on him. He didn't die, but when he got out of the hospital his nerves were all shot. The doctors said he'd never ride again."

"Tough. What became of him?"

Brown nudged me and nodded toward the paddock rail. "There he is now. That little chap in the grey suit."

He was a forlorn figure, this once famous Al Peasley. He stood alone

So Al Peasley and I former a com- bline. He gave me three horses to bet on the first day. Two of them won. The next day I collected a \$20.50 pay on a long shot. The third day Peasley only suggested one horse and it didn't come in. But I was delighted. There was a lot of satisfaction in knowing that I, a greenhorn, had pulled such a fast one on these smart track-followers.

A week passed. Peasley and I collected \$88, which I split with him. Not bad, I thought, for some good entertainment. But I became eager. I wanted to win more, and urged Al to figure out some long shots. He did. The first won. The second lost. The third lost. The four lost.

That night, out at the Paddock Night Club, I saw a man who reminded me a lot of Al Peasley and it set me to thinking. That was the same night that I figured out how I stood with the ponies. The answer was rather startling: I'd won \$118.50, half of which had gone to Peasley, and lost \$282, all of which I paid myself.

The next day I got hold of a cop and went up to Peasley and had him arrested. When they got him down to headquarters they washed his face, and there was the man I'd seen at the Paddock club—only there wasn't any imprint of a horseshoe on his features.

"The smart thing for you to do," I

By Stanley Cordell

told him, "is to reimburse me the amount I've paid over for your phony tips. Otherwise I'll prosecute."

"On what charge?" said Peasley.

"On charges of impersonating a

famous jockey named Al Peasley," I said smugly.

The man looked at the cops and winked. "Did you ever hear of a jockey named Al Peasley?" he asked.

The boys hadn't.

"And furthermore," said the man, "I don't think you'll find a jockey by that name listed on the books. Moreover, you'll have a sweet time proving that I ever even claimed to be a jockey. It must have been some other gent who told you that story." He grinned. I began to have a chill. "What's more," went on this smug little runt, "if you're smart you'll slip me a hundred bucks for damages so I won't prosecute you for having me falsely arrested."

I thought this over. Carefully. But quickly. And paid. After all, I was used to paying by now.

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## PIERLOT GIVEN PLENARY POWER

Brussels, To-day.

The Premier, Mr. Pierlot, has now been given the requisite powers to act as "Dictator" in a restricted and provisional sense, deeming the "Independence Belge," commenting this morning on the action of the Belgian Chamber in passing the enabling bill by a majority of 16 votes.



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# Britain Makes New Bid For Soviet Cooperation

## NEW NOTE ON ALLIANCE SENT TO MOSCOW

London, To-day.

The British Ambassador in Moscow, Sir William Seeds, according to the "Daily Express," has been instructed to hand Moscow a note from the British Government asking for an assurance that Soviet Russia if a neighbouring State should be attacked, would immediately go to the assistance of that State.

British political quarters believe this British note to be a counter-proposal to the Soviet Russian suggestions made on Tuesday.

## DE VALERA CANCELS TRIP TO AMERICA

Dublin, To-day.

The Eire Premier, Mr. Eamonn de Valera, announced in the Dail yesterday that he is not going to the United States as planned today "in view of Wednesday's grave event."

Mr. de Valera was to have been the guest of President Roosevelt at the White House on May 7, and to have opened the Eire Pavilion at the New York World's Fair.

When asked what grave events he had in mind, Mr. de Valera said it would not be in the public interest to make a disclosure.

Reuter understands that Mr. de Valera changed his plans due to conscription in England and its relation to Irish citizens there, but especially to the Nationalist minority of Northern Ireland, who are regarded by the Eire Government as being held under the jurisdiction of a government they do not desire.

### WIDER TALK

Mr. J. W. Dulanty, Eire High Commissioner in London, had a talk with Mr. Neville Chamberlain yesterday morning.

The talk is believed to have been very important and to have referred to conscription.

It is also believed in Dublin that Mr. Chamberlain may have made a statement to Mr. Dulanty on wider matters than conscription, which may have helped Mr. de Valera to alter his plans. — Reuter.

## MILITARY NEWS FORBIDDEN

Paris, To-day.

The publication of military news has been forbidden throughout the French protectorate of Tunis.

The decree is intended to prevent

Soviet Russia, if she accepts the British proposal, will give the victim of aggression military assistance on land, at sea, in the air or by war material supplies.

It is asserted in London that Poland and Rumania have consented to the new British proposal to Soviet Russia.

### CONCRETE PROPOSAL

Although the Foreign Office neither confirms nor denies the report of a new British Note to the Soviet, it is learned in well-informed quarters that the report is correct, and that the Note was drawn up at Tuesday's meeting of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Cabinet.

The Note is said to contain a concrete proposal which is expected to meet with the approval of the Soviet, and thus form a basis for agreement.

### ANGLO-FRENCH COMMITMENT

It is believed the Soviet will be prepared to make a unilateral declaration that she will go to the assistance of her European neighbours and of Turkey in the event of unprovoked aggression to any extent which those countries might consider necessary.

Britain and France, it is added, would be ready to give undertakings to assist the Soviet in case of a threat to her Western frontiers. — Trans-Ocean.

## GIVEN A CHANCE

"I wanted to go to Canton so I stole the watch to pay for my fare," said Tam Kai, 20-year-old wireless mechanic, charged before Mr. E. Hinsworth this morning with the larceny of a wrist watch from Sergt. F. Hargrave, of the Royal Engineers. He was given a chance by the Magistrate and placed on a bond to be of good behaviour for one year.

## DRIVER'S EXPLANATION

Mr. G. Kelly, of the C.P.R., was summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning for failing to keep to the left when driving on a bend in Park Road.

Defendant said a car was parked on the corner, and he had to swing to the other side of the road.

## MUFTI KEEPS UP HOSTILITY

Beirut, To-day.

The Mufti of Jerusalem has decided not to travel to Cairo with the other Palestine Arab leaders to participate in the discussions on the British proposals for solution of the Palestine problem. — Reuter.

## M. DE MONZIE RETURNS

Paris, To-day.

The Minister of Public Works, M. de Monzie, returned from Poland yesterday and was received by M. Daladier for a report on his impressions during his stay in Warsaw.

M. de Monzie stated that he was very satisfied with his journey during which "good work had been accomplished." — Trans-Ocean.

Sergeant Cameli, of the Middlesex Regiment, has reported the theft of an electric fan valued at \$40 from Shamshuipo barracks, some time yesterday.

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## TWO HITLER SPEECHES ON MONDAY

Berlin, To-day.

The unusually comprehensive programme for the May Day celebrations will include two speeches by the Fuehrer and one by General Goering.

The festivities will begin at 8.30 a.m. when the Fuehrer will speak to German youth at the Olympic Stadium, where the youth of Berlin will be assembled.

A festive meeting of the Chamber of Culture will be held in the Opera House at 10 o'clock in the presence of the Fuehrer.

The traditional rally of Berlin workers will take place in the Lustgarten at 12 o'clock at which the Fuehrer will speak.

He will then return to the Chancery to receive delegations of German workers at three o'clock in the afternoon. The festivities will terminate with an evening demonstration in the Lustgarten at which General Goering will speak at ten o'clock. — Trans-Ocean.

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Hong Kong, Friday, April 28, 1939.

### PROBLEMS OF CONSCRIPTION

The Prime Minister's statement on the decision to impose a measure of conscription was of great importance, for not only did it reveal plans for compulsory military service, but it marked fuller acceptance of the need to meet speed of action with equal speed by authorising national mobilisation by decree. Opposition objections were unexpectedly sharp, but it is difficult not to agree with Mr. Chamberlain's contention that the pledge not to introduce compulsory service in peacetime scarcely contemplated as peacetime the long period of grave uncertainty through which we are and have been passing, when no-one can predict exactly what or how dangerous the next move may be.

It was a pity that some of the most interesting information had to be dragged from him by supplementary questions. As on many previous occasions, it looked as though the Prime Minister thought it too much trouble, or too perilous, to take the House into his confidence. His affection for under-statement continues to be a grave disability to the country.

That the Cabinet were in possession of certain information which made urgent the need for acting on the conscription plans was suggested by his reply to Sir Archibald Sinclair. "There was not time," he said, "to do more than consult Mr. Attlee."

To Mr. Lloyd George, he revealed that approximately 310,700 men would be called up for training under the Government's Bill and that the actual number who would undertake training would be about 200,000. Few enough from the French point of view, but large enough for British military resources to handle at the present time.

It means radical changes in Britain's defence policy. The total force associated with the Regular Army and free for service with it will, as a result of the measure, total well over 200,000. This is certain to create a demand for supplies. For it will

the Territorial Field Force will have all the modern weapons used by the Regular Army and on a similar scale. At present, the Territorials only have a quota for training (and a very small quota, too).

We have still not reached the height of perfection in equipping the Regular Army; we are only just beginning to equip the Territorial Force. And now the programme is to be more than doubled. It cannot be done without a revolution in our methods of production and without a really energising and energetic Ministry of Supply to mobilise industry for the new needs. The demands of aircraft production are already putting a big strain on industry and labour. If there is not to be a repetition of the heart-breaking delays in producing army equipment, of which so much was heard after the September crisis, an effort almost commensurate in size and intensity with that on aircraft will have to be made. If we are wise we shall do now what in any case we should have to do in a war—give the Ministry of Supply immediately extensive powers over industry. The argument that this interferes with "business as usual" has worn thin; we see where it has brought us. We may have to submit to some interferences and controls, but they can be introduced gradually and intelligently and with the co-operation of employers and work-people. Even now, however, there is a feeling that conscription, although advocated passionately as a sort of fortifying elixir, will create more problems than it would solve. France may applaud the "gesture," but they do not have to deal with the social friction or meet a challenge to arrange a scale of equivalence between conscription of life and conscription of wealth. The proposed system is mild, and will work if the people trust the Government. At the moment that is the weakest spot.

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### "London Mercury"

#### Passes

The other day, an agreement was signed by which the "London Mercury" ceased to exist and its rights became merged in "Life and Letters To-day," a magazine founded by Mr. Desmond MacCarthy a few years ago and now in other hands. Sir John Squire, the founder of the "London Mercury," who made it among other things, the vehicle for the younger poets of England, gave up the editorship four and a half years ago, and Mr. R. A. Scott-James when he took charge maintained the early standards of the "Mercury" and much of the work of Auden, Spender, Day Lewis, and other notable young poets appeared in its pages. The last poems of W.B. Yeats were also printed there.

Among the many arresting things that have appeared in the "Mercury" under Scott-James's editorship were G. B. Shaw's letters to Farleigh, with Shaw's own drawings to assist the artist in his illustrations for "Black Girl in Search of God"; H. G. Wells's novel "Star Begotten"; and E. M. Forster's "Credo." A high standard of book reviewing was maintained, and there was novelty and distinction in the illustrations. The Ayrlie member of the "Mercury" in the first and another distinguished member of English literature, William Morris, turned his hand into illustration.

# Japanese Landing Fresh Troops In North China POURING INTO TIENSIN BY TRAIN

Peiping, To-day.

"Considerable numbers" of new Japanese troops for the various North China fronts are arriving at Taku in the next few days, according to the Japanese spokesman.

Already they are pouring in to Tientsin by train from Tangku.

General impression is that they total about one division of perhaps 25,000 men, accompanied by a considerable number of animals, many trucks and other motorised equipment.

The Japanese authorities refuse to indicate whether they are reinforcements or replacements.—Reuter.

## WORK RELIEF PROGRAMME

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt has submitted to Congress a request for an appropriation of \$1,477,000,000 for work relief expenditure for the fiscal year commencing July 1.

He has estimated that this will be enough to provide work for an average of 2,000,000 unemployed.

The President added that he ex-

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pected an "upward trend" in the number of men employed in private industry in the coming fiscal year.

During the present fiscal year, expenditures on work relief will total \$2,250,000,000.—Reuter.

## CHINESE JUBILANT AT NANCHANG REPORTS

Shanghai, To-day.

SPECIAL editions of Chinese papers were published last night and in glaring headlines announced the entry of Chinese forces into Nanchang. There was much rejoicing among the Chinese community who set off fire-crackers and displayed the national flags.

Last night reports referred to continued street-fighting in Nanchang and stated that Japanese planes were conspicuously absent throughout the Chinese counter-attack on Nanchang.

It is also stated that the Chinese forces had captured the railway station and the main road leading to Nanchang.

The main Chinese forces have not reached Nanchang.

Nanchang is reported to be held temporarily by the Japanese, but the Chinese forces are in control of the town where they were forced to withdraw from the city of Chongming.

## NEW U.S. CHIEF OF STAFF

Washington, To-day.  
President Roosevelt has appointed Brigadier-General George Marshall as Chief of Staff in succession to General Malin Craig, whose retirement becomes effective on August 31.—Reuter.

## PACIFIC DEFENCE CONFERENCE

London, To-day.  
Replying to Lt.-Comm. R. T. H. Fletcher (Labour, Nuneaton) in the House of Commons yesterday, the Prime Minister said he understood the Pacific Defence Conference held its final meeting on Wednesday.—Reuter.

## COUNCIL OF STATE

London, To-day.  
Five Counsellors of State will be appointed under the Great Seal to act for the King during his absence in Canada.

Queen Mary, who must be included because of the special provisions of the Regency Act of 1937, will be one.

## N.Z. MINISTER LEAVING FOR LONDON

Auckland, To-day.  
The New Zealand Finance Minister, Mr. W. Nash, leaves here on Monday for England to conduct negotiations concerning the New Zealand import restrictions as they affect the Anglo-New Zealand trade relations. At the same time, so it is learned, questions of national defence will be discussed.—Trans-Ocean.

## WARSHIPS OFF SWATOW

Swatow, To-day.  
Five Japanese warships arrived outside yesterday, following two air raids in the morning.

A third raid was staged in the afternoon. Altogether, some 20 persons were killed and injured, according to official reports.

Compulsory evacuation has been speeded up by the military authorities.—Our Own Correspondent.

The others will be the Duke of Gloucester, the Duke of Kent, the Princess Royal and Princess Arthur of Connaught.—Reuter.



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# DARK CLOUDS AHEAD

Hon. Mr. M.K. Lo And Outlook For Future

## Steamboat Co.'s Mixed Year

"He must be a bold person who, without utter disregard of dark clouds gathering ahead, would dare view the future with any degree of complacency or with optimism," said the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, chairman, at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Company this morning.

Mr. Lo also mentioned the decision of Government not to renew existing pier-leases after December, 1949.

The chairman said:

The profit for the year, after providing for depreciation of steamers at the usual rate, repairs, etc., is \$460,122.28. From this balance the specific depreciation of wharves and Canton properties and the reserve for wharf-repairs have been deducted, leaving a net profit of \$371,239.69 which the Directors recommend should be apportioned out as follows:—To pay a dividend of \$1.00 per share \$80,000; To pay a bonus to Shore and Floating Staffs \$8,484; To carry forward \$282,755.69.

During the year under review, river shipping enjoyed boom conditions and suffered practical stagnation in sharp contrast. The extraordinary activity which prevailed for the better part of the year quickly gave place to almost a cessation of trade with the capture of Canton and the closing of the Pearl River to navigation on October 13, 1938.

### ABNORMAL TRAFFIC

As was to be expected from the unsettled conditions, passenger returns were irregular. There were periods when all available bottoms were needed to cope with the abnormal traffic resulting from the ensuing panic which followed the bombing of the city of Canton and the cessation of the railway service, and others when the exodus travelled overland because of dangers which were rumoured to exist in navigation in the river.

With the closing of the Pearl River, the Macao line became the focus of attention. Every available tonnage appeared to have concentrated on this line; not only were there ships from the Canton line, but not a few of the West River steamers also made their appearance.

It was true that the business in this line had improved considerably with the intensification of the Japanese blockade of Canton, but it did not seem possible that the needs of a line, catered for by three steamers in normal times, could expand to the extent of accommodating four times that number of steamers. As was to be expected, cut-throat competition developed with concomitant results on which I need not labour.

### STEAMERS CHARTERED

During the second and third quarters of the year the earnings of Company's Canton line steamers surpassed all expectations. Freight offerings assumed such proportions that, with the friendly co-operation of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire and the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., the Company was placed in a position to charter the s.s. "Wuchang" and the s.s. "Pingwo" at rates which proved profitable to the Company.

The activities of the two chartered steamers were confined to the transportation of rice to Canton between the months of February and May.

A factor which contributed was to have been the disappearance of junks and lighters as competitive carriers in the river.

Macao line returns fluctuated. The beginning of the year found Company's steamers' earnings very satisfactory, but from May onward intense competition gave the Directors anxious moments.

The commissioning of two steamers which had been laid up for years cut into our fair share of cargo and passengers, then offering and, in addition, the arrival of the new subsidy

### STAFF BONUS

The period under review was one of unusual activity and anxiety and the staffs, one and all, gave of their best to serve the interests of the Company. I feel sure that I voice your gratification also when I say that nothing gives the Board greater pleasure than to be in a position to recommend the payment of the proposed bonus to the Staff.

Concerning the Company's Canton properties, the Directors have considered it advisable to write off a part of their book value. They trust you will approve their decision as, having regard to existing conditions, it is their considered opinion that a more conservative estimate should be taken of the value of the properties.

In October last, the Company's Godown in Canton went up in smoke in the conflagration which lasted several days. The book value of the old building has been written off and the amount is included in the sum charged to depreciation of the whole Canton properties. The godown was insured, but not against War Risks, as covers were not obtainable.

In connection with that fire, the Directors are pleased to be able to inform you that the wharves were not seriously damaged.

### PIER LEASES

As regards the Hong Kong wharves, it may be recalled that Government has made a definite pronouncement to the effect that existing leases will not be renewed, the expiry date of all leases for wharves and piers being 31st December, 1949.

In view of that decision the Directors have decided to write off, as you will have seen in the accounts, a part of the book value of the two Hong Kong wharves. They have, in addition, considered it advisable to set aside a small reserve for repairs.

Of the amount of \$126,123.07 which is charged to repairs, steamers' overhauls absorbed the better part of that sum.

### LEE HONG PURCHASE

In view of the high cost of building a new ship, the Company, after protracted negotiations, acquired the motor vessel "Lee Hong" early in October at a price which the Board thought to be very reasonable.

The Directors felt that the "Lee Hong," with her speed and the reconditioning with which they had carefully planned, would prove to be a valuable asset to the Company's service.

Another factor which received the Directors' consideration, was the fact that the purchase would eliminate once and for all a potential source of competition. The activities of the vessel in previous years had been a source of concern to the Board.

In December last year the "Sui Tai" was laid up. With the surplus of tonnage in the Macao Line at the time and the fact that, for a steamer of her age a general overhaul for a new Load Line certificate was likely to prove to be an expensive item not entirely justified by the circumstances, the Directors decided on the lay up.

In connection with the "Sui Tai" I feel sure you will be glad to know that, consistent with the traditional, equitable treatment which every servant expects and gets at the hands of the Company, the entire crew of that steamer is still in the Company's payroll and on full pay. The Directors were mindful of the loyal and efficient service which most of the officers and men had rendered to the Company for a number of years, and as there was no difficulty in finding men below needed

## YUGOSLAVIA AND THE AXIS

Berlin, To-day. It is revealed that during the visit of M. Marcovitch, arrangements were made for a visit to Berlin early in June of Prince Paul, Regent of Yugoslavia.

The German press hails the announcements as further indication of closer relations between Yugoslavia and the Axis.

It is noted, however, that the Italian forecast that Yugoslavia would join the anti-Comintern Pact has not been confirmed.—Trans-Ocean.

from the accounts, most of Company's surplus funds have been invested, the Directors giving preference to a Fixed Deposit account with the Bank and to Hong Kong Government Bonds.

### NOTE OF WARNING

Before concluding, I feel that I should again convey to you a note of warning concerning prospects in the immediate future. We have benefited from the abnormal conditions which prevailed most of last year. For that we must be thankful.

But he must be a bold person who, without an utter disregard of the portent of the dark clouds gathering ahead of him, would dare view the immediate future with any degree of complacency or with optimism.

The best that I can say of the Company's affairs is that for the first quarter of the current year we have survived such competition as it has not been our misfortune to meet for some time.

Faced with such conditions it has not been a matter of trading to produce an adequate return on capital invested, but to struggle to survive from going under. Until it is generally recognized and appreciated that adventuring in the river trade can prove to be costly, I fear that we must continue to expect the worst.

With these remarks I beg to propose that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted.

Capt. W. E. Kirby seconded and the report and accounts were adopted.

### OTHER BUSINESS

Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. Li Tse-fong were re-elected directors on the motion of Mr. M. H. Lo, seconded by Mr. W. A. Hung and the confirmation of Mr. D. F. Landale as a director was proposed by Mr. Wei Tat, seconded by Mr. M. Fernandez.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-appointed auditors on the motion of Mr. T. F. Lo, seconded by Mr. Kwan Yau-kwong.

The following attended:

Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Chairman, Mr. Li Tse-fong, Mr. J. P. Braga, O.B.E., Mr. T. F. Lo, (alternate Director for Sir Robert Ho Tung), and Mr. D. F. Landale, (directors) and the following shareholders: Mr. M. H. Lo, Mr. W. E. Kirby, Mr. W. A. Hung, Mr. Wei Tat, Mr. Luk Pak To, Mr. Kwan Yau Kwong, Mr. Wong Chik, and Mr. M. Fernandez.

## M. MAISKY IN PARIS

Paris, To-day. The Soviet Ambassador in London, M. Maisky, who has arrived from Moscow on his way to England, to confer with his colleague in Paris, M. Suritz, will, according to the "Paris Soir," be received by M. Bonnet.—Trans-Ocean.

## NEW CZECH GOVERNMENT

Prague, To-day. The new Czech Government for the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia was officially announced last night by Dr. Hacha, with the approval of Reichsprotector von Neurath.

The Government includes the following Ministers:

Premier and Minister of Interior, General Alois Elias, Finance, Dr. Josef Kalfus, Industry-Handicrafts-Commerce, Dr. V. Sadek,

Transportation, Dr. Heinrich Havelka,

Public Works, Dominik Cipera, Agriculture, Dr. Ladislaus Fejcrabend, Public Health, Dr. Ladislaus Klumper.—Trans-Ocean.

## GIBRALTAR PRECAUTIONS

Burgos, To-day. Commenting on the defence measures in Gibraltar, "Diarlo Vasco" declares that nobody has the slightest intention of attacking the fortress.

During the Great War Britain did not take such measures to defend Gibraltar as she is taking today. The paper asks what perils these measures are destined to avert.—Trans-Ocean.

## ARMY DRIVER FINED

Private E. Ranson, of the Middlesex Regiment, was summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, for driving without due care and caution in Murray Road.

Inspector Clarke said that a complaint was made to the Police that lorry No. 4826 overtook another lorry at the narrowest part of Murray Road. The complainant had to stop his car dead to avoid a collision.

A fine of \$10 was imposed.

## CLOUDY, SOME RAIN

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is moving eastward and is now centred over the Eastern Sea. A ridge of high pressure remains over South China.

The depression is moving into the Pacific to the northeast of Hokkaido and another deep depression has formed over Manchuria.

A shallow depression covers Tongking and Central Annam.

Local forecast:—East winds, moderate; cloudy, occasional rain.

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# News Snack Bar

## PLAN JAY-WALKING PENALTIES

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Nearly 200 plans to make Britain's roads safe for all are now proposed. They include:

**PEDESTRIANS.**—Jay-walking an offence.

**MOTORISTS.**—Stricter penalties for drunk drivers. Voluntary blood tests for alcohol.

**PUBLIC "COMPLACENT"**

Disqualification of accident-prone drivers. Photographs and insurance policy to accompany applications for licences.

Keep the speed limit principle. Force of law for the Highway Code.

**Cyclists.**—Registration and compulsory third-party insurance. Red rear lights by law. Compulsory use of tracks.

**Children.**—No cycling on public roads for children under ten—then proficiency badges issued by the local authority. Road danger advice given at home by parents.

**Everybody.**—Complete separation of motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians on all main roads.

Those recommendations are made in a report issued by the Select Committee of the House of Lords on the Prevention of Road Accidents.

The Committee urge a round-table conference of drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians to promote road safety.

### PEDESTRIANS TO FIGHT

They advocate, too, formation of a Department of Propaganda, using pulpit, cinema, broadcasting, and posters.

The Pedestrians' Association intend to fight the plan to make jay-walking an offence.

Cyclists' organisations will oppose the report, which, it is said, would handicap pleasure cycling and defeat one of the aims of the National Fitness Council.

But Sir Stenson Cooke, secretary of the Automobile Association, welcomes it and calls it "the 'road users' charter."

"It is the first document," he says, "to recognise that no section of the community can be absolved from responsibility for road accidents."

## BOY, 9, KEPT ON WALKING

When a boy of nine was brought before Wimborne County Court as being beyond control, his father said he got "badgered into it" and went for walks lasting three or four days.

He admitted this six times in a year.

His mother took him to school, but he always came home during playtime.

When he was sent to a boarding school he was found to have

### "CATS' EYES" ADVOCATED

Roads with bad accident records should be blacklisted.

Children under seven years of age should be more strictly controlled by their parents, and certain streets should be reserved as playgrounds.

The Committee would like to see an experimental motor way constructed, and road-construction machinery in use abroad should be studied.

A road safety research board should be set up. It should be advisory, but should issue reports recommending executive action.

Pedestrian crossings should be provided with at least one island rest, steel studs should be replaced by "cats' eyes," coloured plates should be laid over the surface and more guard rails erected.

Improvements to vehicles in the interests of safety should be considered by the proposed Road Safety Research Board.

### MILK BOARD FINE FARMER £480

Fines totalling £480 were imposed by the Milk Marketing Board of Chelsea House on Mr. C. G. Rhodes, of Thornton Hall Farm, Thornton, for selling milk under contract. It was proved that Mr. Rhodes had sold milk to hospitals in the U.S.A. (U.S.A.). He was an air pilot in the Great War, now he



AN OCEAN GIANT TAKES THE DOCK.—The Aquitania is now in dry dock at Southampton for overhaul and general re-paint. She makes an impressive picture in the giant dry dock. Photo shows—Few people would recognise this view of the Aquitania.

### COMBINED FLAG-DAY GIVES HOSPITALS £19,000 MORE

The combined hospital flag day idea in London last year produced a grand total of £44,214. This is an increase of £19,000 on the total annual income which hospitals used to collect having individual flag days.

### PREFERRED DEVIL'S ISLAND

A man who prefers hard labour on Devil's Island, French penal settlement, to life in Germany, has surrendered to French authorities at Strasbourg. He is Ernest Demichel, forty-one, sent to the island in 1933, and escaped in 1935. He will leave for the island by the next boat.

### MORE POPULAR

Mr. E. G. Bearn, Deputy Controller of Health Insurance, told a Royal Commission that the domestic servant of to-day takes more interest in National Health Insurance than formerly. Employers, too, are appreciating its value.

### WORLD AT KING'S ELBOW

Among the arrangements being made for the visit of the King and Queen to Canada is a railway telephone system which will enable them to communicate with any part of the world at any point on their tour.

### HIS HOME BUILT OF STOCKS

A home built of 100,000 pieces of multi-coloured rock has been completed by a member of the Japanese Home of Reformed Mutes, South Africa. The house, which cost £1,000, was built by

## UNION FOR TWENTY

A trade union for about twenty Japanese chicken-soup experts living in England has been formed by a member of the Japanese Home of Reformed Mutes, South Africa. The house, which cost £1,000, was built by

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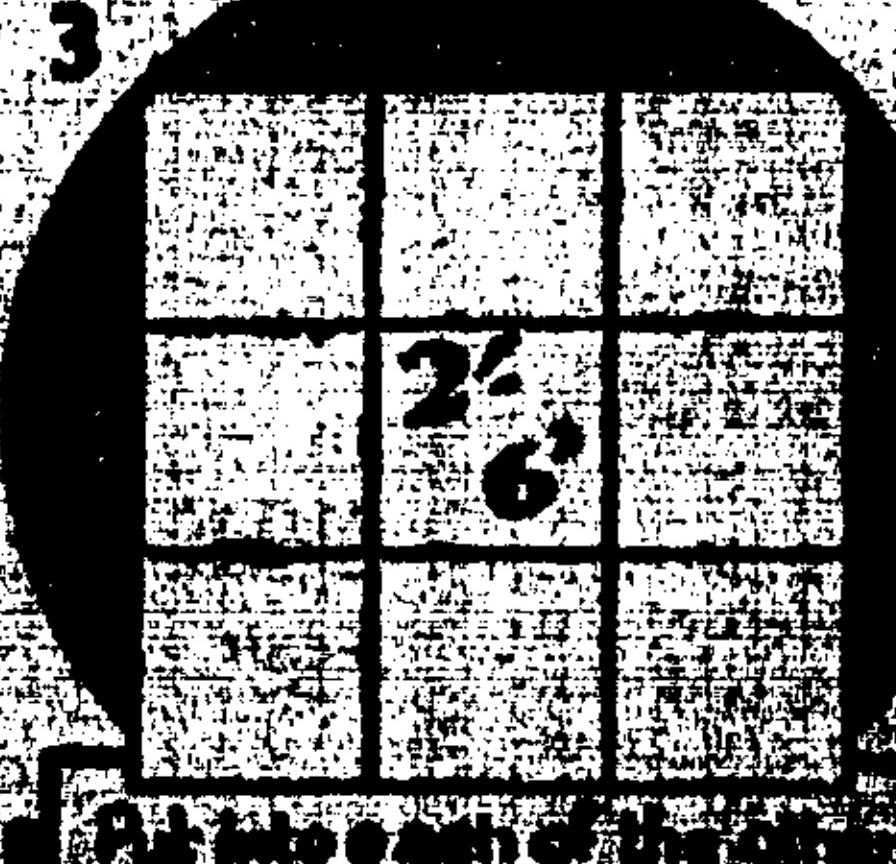
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By ERN SHAW



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I SAW outside a religious place I did not say that it sounded to me like the speech of a tired and petulant old man, but I did suggest holding up a poster.

On it were words unintelligible to me, apparently relating to "salvation" by some means or another, and enforced by references to texts in the Bible.

Now if that woman were to put word nobody trusted and whose faith and energy which make per no one would look at. Imagine her stand there into working for yourself waving the document and men and women oppressed by a grinning all over your face and harsh social system, she might help shouting. "I've got it! Here it is! to change that system. If she Triumph!"

threw herself into the struggle for animals' rights, if she took up any form of activity for the benefit of her fellow-creatures—I include in that term animals, of course—she would get results.

But no, she must devote herself to a kind of proselytism which has no connection whatever with righting human wrongs.

She is inflated by a mystic sense of being above all earthly affairs. She does not really understand what she is doing; that makes her think it must be wonderful. She has a sense of being raised above the crowd.

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On the same day I called in on a friend of mine who has worked for the same firm ever since he was a boy. He gets a poor wage, his hours are long, his responsibilities heavy. Sometimes he groused, but he is not grousing now.

He pointed to some Union Jacks in the street, put up for the French President's visit to London.

"Grand old flag it is," he declared. "Best in the world! Best country in the world, England is. Grand!"

I could see that the war propaganda had been affecting him. (By the way, the "Daily Herald" and Lord Beaverbrook's "Evening Standard" have each started a series of war articles.)

"Well, you ought to know—you've been to all the other countries, haven't you?" I teased him.

"Never been out of this, except to Ostend once for the day. But I've read about them. Now you have travelled a lot and I'm sure you agree with me. England is the finest of the lot, isn't that so?"

I shook my head and, like the character in Tennyson's poem, "smiling, put the question by." He went on in the same vein. I could see it was all due to the defiant speech which Chamberlain had been forced by threats of rebellion in his own Party to make a few evenings before.

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Presently he got round to this. "Splendid man!" he said. "Told Hitler he wouldn't stand any more of it. That's the stuff! Bit about freedom was fine, eh!"

I did not say that it sounded to me like the speech of a tired and petulant old man, but I did suggest that Chamberlain had got us into a mess.

"Suppose," I said, "you made a contract for your firm with a notorious crook, a bankrupt whose

word nobody trusted and whose per no one would look at. Imagine her stand there into working for yourself waving the document and men and women oppressed by a grinning all over your face and harsh social system, she might help shouting. "I've got it! Here it is! to change that system. If she Triumph!"

"And then, a few months later, when the value of the contract is seen to be nix and the crook has repudiated his signature, can you see yourself whining: 'Why didn't he say he was going to do the dirty on me? Why did he tell me he wasn't a crook?'"

My friend thought this over, then shook his head. "No," he said, "we must let bygones be bygones. We've got to protect the Empire, we've got to fight for freedom, if necessary. Chamberlain's right there. Now, isn't he?"

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Perhaps you think those two, the man and the woman, are queer specimens, that they are cranks. They are actually typical of almost the

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# CHINA MAIL

FRIDAY SUPPLEMENT, APRIL 28, 1939

BILL got his spear into the hog, but as he swung to clear his point the saddle girths parted and May Moon went on without her master, who arrived by a series of somersaults in the middle of an extremely prickly patch of cactus.

The incident would have been amusing but for the fact that the hog I was hunting jinked and made straight for Bill, who was swearing like a trooper as he strove to disentangle himself from the over-affectionate cactus. That plant had developed an urgent desire to see him in puris naturalibus if one could judge by the way the curved thorns were clinging on to his thin, tropical-khaki clothing.

The case, however, gave no occasion for laughter. Bill Somers was firmly stuck in the bush and the heavy hunting knife he had unsheathed would be no match for the long, curly, razor-edged tusks of the big boar. The brute meant business. Lord, how I galloped, but all the while I knew that I could not get my spear into that pig in time to prevent him ripping up Bill.

Nature, however, has her own curious ways of adjusting the balance of life and death and, in the last split second that separated the fallen hunter from eternity, the miracle happened.

At one moment there seemed to be nothing in all that desolate landscape save Bill and the Boar which was bearing down upon him. Then, like some lump of incandescent lava spewed out of a volcano, a white bull terrier, with a black patch over one eye, erupted from a hole in the ground.

I doubt if the boar knew anything about the animal until her sharp teeth closed on his flank in a hold that there was no possibility of breaking until she should choose to unclasp the steel spring of her jaws.

Never before had I heard a pig scream, nor do I want to hear that sound again. There was no suggestion of the strangled squealing of the normal porker about it. It was a kind of eerie shriek that rose high about the drumming of my horse's hooves.

Bill, inspired by the sheer pluck of the dog that had come to his rescue, wrenched his right arm free and flung his hunting knife with so true an aim that I saw the blood spurt as the blade quivered into the boar's shoulder.

The attack of the dog had delayed matters for precious seconds, now the shock of the knife wound distracted the boar sufficiently long for the bull terrier to so consolidate her grip and brace her feet against the ground that she was able to drag his near hind leg out nearly straight.

Even so, I was in a quandary, for eager as I was to help, I could not continue my headlong career without the risk of riding over the dog as I killed the pig. Just short of the worry-worry I dismounted and, shortening my hog-spear, went in with a rush. It was tricky work, for the boar had dragged in his imprisoned leg and the combatants were now rolling over and over, so that it was impossible to strike at one without the risk of sticking the other. I still think, in fact, that it was more by luck than good judgment that I managed to

thrust my spearpoint though the boar's big heart.

The moment the hog was dead the white bull-terrier bitch released her hold. Then Bill's coolly sarcastic voice cut through the confusion caused by my excitement.

"Would you kindly chuck over my knife so that I can get myself out of this blasted bush," he said, and his drawl was imitable. None the less, I guessed that he was feeling pretty shaky. Half an hour elapsed before our joint efforts sufficed to extract him from his uncomfortable situation. Most of his clothing remained in the embrace of the cactus.

"Where's that dog," Bill demanded, "and what the deuce was it doing so far from its natural home, which should be some Canteen Sergeant's compound? No officer ever kept a creature of that kind, and any civilian would be scared stiff of such a brute."

"That's rank ingratitude," I protested.

"No it's not, old man; just plain fact," Bill answered. "Do you think any perishing lap-dog

## Short Story :-

I carried a couple of her offspring it was at the heels of Bill's pony that the white bitch loped along, looking up at the rider from time to time. She seemed to have taken a liking for Bill.

When we reached cantonments Bill said very little, but after we had seen the ponies stabled and groomed and had fixed up quarters for the white bitch and her puppies, he picked up a whippy rattan and, with its aid, impressed upon Ram Dass that a good sais does not allow his sahib to go pigsticking with faulty saddle girths.

The white bull-terrier bitch positively growled her approval as she witnessed the beating. Apparently she had no particular love for natives.

On our way to the bungalow we shared, I hinted to Bill that his Hindu groom might bear watching.

"There was a nasty look in his eye when you were belting him, old man," I said.

"There'd have been a nasty look in yours in similar circumstances, my son," grinned Bill.

I dare say you're right; none

Besides, there were those absolutely awful puppies.

The Mess laughed and the jokes in the men's lines were more pointed than polite, but Bill did not care a hang. It was Ram Dass who seemed to feel that having to look after Haggie and her litter affected his izzat, and such men are peculiarly jealous of their honour.

One day the three woolly puppies disappeared. Ram Dass swore that a leopard must have taken them. It was a likely enough story, for there were a number of the brutes in the neighbouring jungle, and, as all the world knows, leopards prefer little dogs to even the most juicy of sucking pig.

At first Haggie was inconsolable, and so Bill got into the habit of letting her sleep in his room. By day, however, she never left Ram Dass. On the face of things this seemed curious, for although the Hindu never ill-treated her and certainly attended to all her wants with the strict letter of his duty, he never had that sudden, spontaneous look of affection, or the soft, half-joking abuse which are among the factors that win the love of a dog.

Everywhere Ram Dass went you would see Haggie at his heels. When he rested she would stretch herself on the ground, very quiet and very still, her intelligent, pleading eyes studying the man's features in mute question until he shifted uneasily or rose and went somewhere else.

At last the sais could stand the silent persecution no longer and, going to his master, confessed that he had drowned the puppies and afterwards destroyed their bodies by fire, because he pleaded it was not meet that such monstrosities should be allowed to disgrace the establishment of his burra sahib.

"I am well able to care for my izzat — and thine," said Bill, speaking in the vernacular, and reached for his rattan riding cane.

(Continued on Page 7)

By F. A. M.  
Webster

of the sort affected by the modern subaltern would have tackled that boar and saved my bacon? Not on your life, Dachshunds, Pekes, and pedigree Griffons, pah! Where's that real dog got to?"

I was unable to answer the question, for I had not seen the white bitch take her departure, so completely had my interest been absorbed in watching my comrade release himself from the embrace of the cactus.

"Well, it can't be helped," he said resignedly, "only it looks to me as though a bad master has driven a good dog out into this howling waste of desolation, and I'd have liked to do something for that bull-terrier. We'll get hold of May Moon and make for home, eh?"

At Bill's whistle, intended to summon his pony, a white head with a black patch over one eye and sharply pointed ears aprick popped up over the edge of a nullah and two terribly intelligent eyes regarded us quizzically.

"Come here, old lady," Bill invited softly, and the white bitch came slowly towards him, followed by three woolly puppies whose ancestry might well have baffled the combined resources of the Colleges of Heraldry and Veterinary Surgeons.

"Hum! The less said about some people's amours the better, eh Harry?" grinned Bill. "You can't wonder the poor wretch chose to produce that sort litter in the wilderness."

After we had recaptured May Moon and mended Bill's saddle girths we mounted our ponies and, dividing the supplies between us, set out for our cantonments. It struck me as odd that although

the less, I'd hate to find chopped hair or powdered glass in our curry," I persisted.

"Oh, I don't know," Bill answered carelessly, "I've beaten him before and nothing has come of it."

"You're quite sure those girths weren't purposely weakened?" I questioned.

"Good lord, of course they weren't. Anyway, Ram Dass is a deuced good sais. I've never had a man who looked after my ponies better; but he's apt to be casual if he's not kept up to the mark."

I could say nothing more, for, all said and done, Ram Dass was not my sais, but still I did not like the look of things and the bull-terrier bitch did not take kindly to the man either, although to him was allotted the task of looking after her. One has to admit, in common fairness, that he did his work well, but without any sign of affection for man or beast.

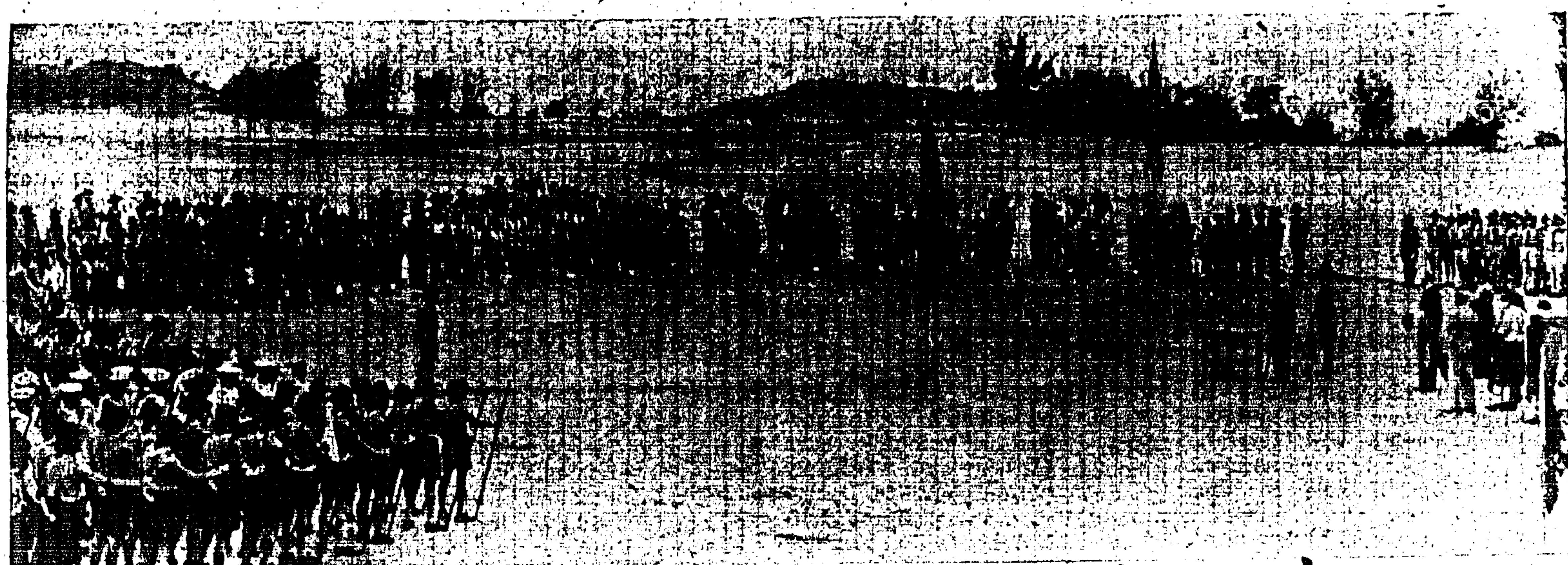
Hagar — Haggie for short — was the name chosen by Bill for the bull-terrier bitch. "For," said he, "we found her in the wilderness, and her puppies are certainly the most impossible little Ishmaels I've ever clapped eyes upon."

Hitherto, Bill Somers had enjoyed the reputation of being as fantastically particular about his dogs as he was about his polo ponies and his personal appearance. The advent of Haggie tended to alter public opinion. As Bill himself had said, such a dog was far more likely to be a Canteen Sergeant's scape-goat than an officer's pet. Apart from that, she had apparently been in the wilderness for some time and was both lean and dirty when we brought her back to cantonments.





His Excellency the Governor inspecting the Rally of Boy Scouts last Saturday.



A view of the scene at the Diocesan Boys School last Saturday when His Excellency the Governor addressed the Boy Scouts Rally.

*Mother!*

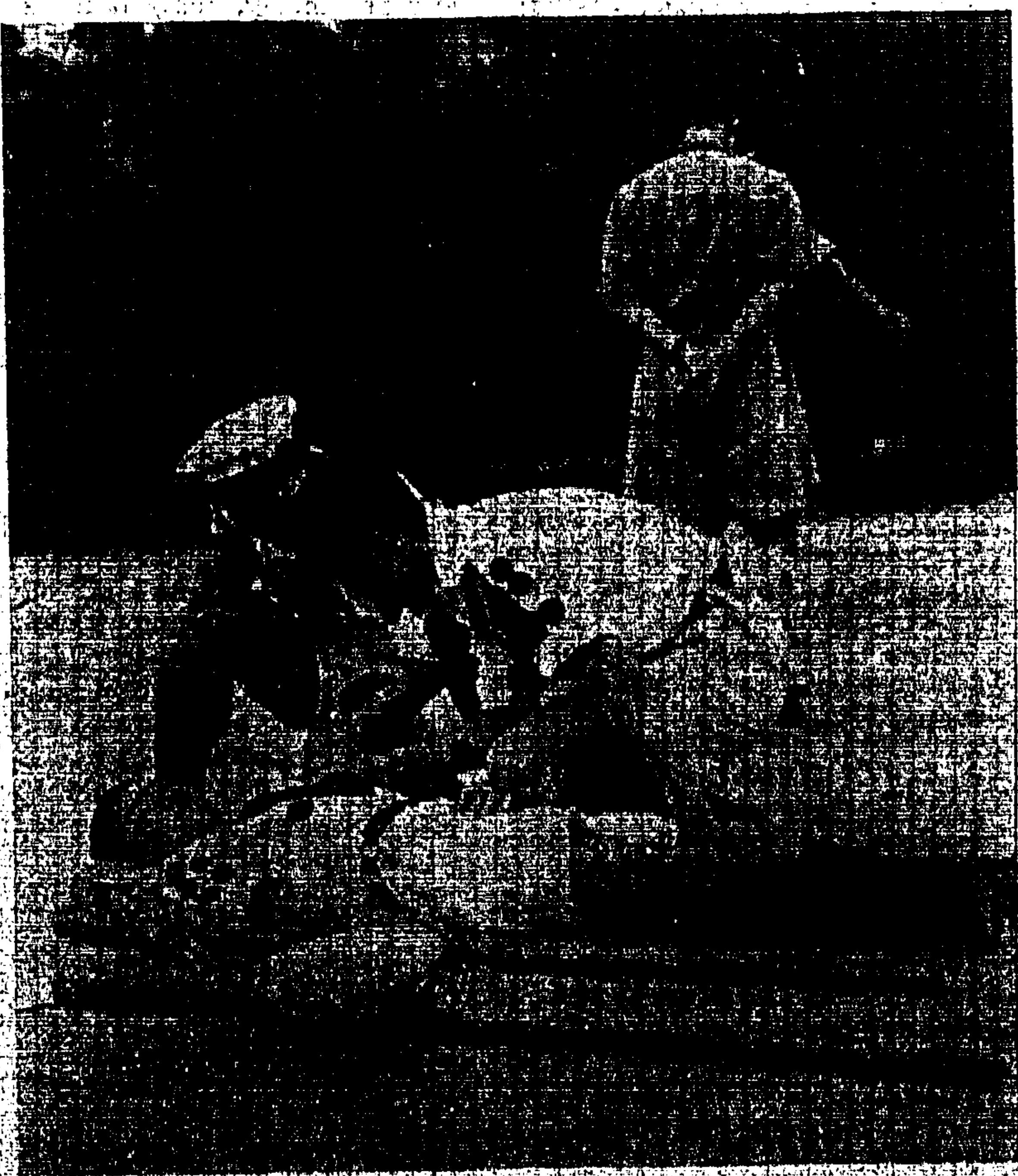
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The Philippines International Ladies Softball team which was beaten by China by 14 runs to 9 in the Final of the Competition last Sunday.



The victorious Chinese Ladies Softball team which won the series when they beat Philippines by 14 runs to 9 in the Final last Sunday.



SCOUTS RALLY. Seen in the photograph are His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, Deputy Commissioner C. Champkin; Mr. E. Cock, President of the Boy Scouts Association, and Mrs. Cock, and Capt. Betty-Smith.

## CABBAGES AND KINGS

### NO CREDIT

"Do you really mean to say that Brown has given up drink? Has he seen at last that whisky is not good for him?"

"No, but the landlord at the pub has seen that Brown is not good for any more whiskies."

### WELL IN HAND

"Smithers," said the master of the house in stern tones, "my cigars are disappearing. Can you account for it?"

"It is not my fault, sir. I assure you that I have not touched your cigars. I still have the three boxes left from my last post."

### STRANDED

"Why have you been sitting in your car all this time?" asked the cop.

"Waiting for two gentlemen," said the motorist.

"Who are they?"

"The one who owns the car in front of me and the one who owns the car at the back."

### CHOOSERS

She had been planning an ambitious cruise on a luxury liner, and the house was full of guidebooks and tourist pamphlets. Her husband was heartily sick of the whole matter, and at last he burst out:

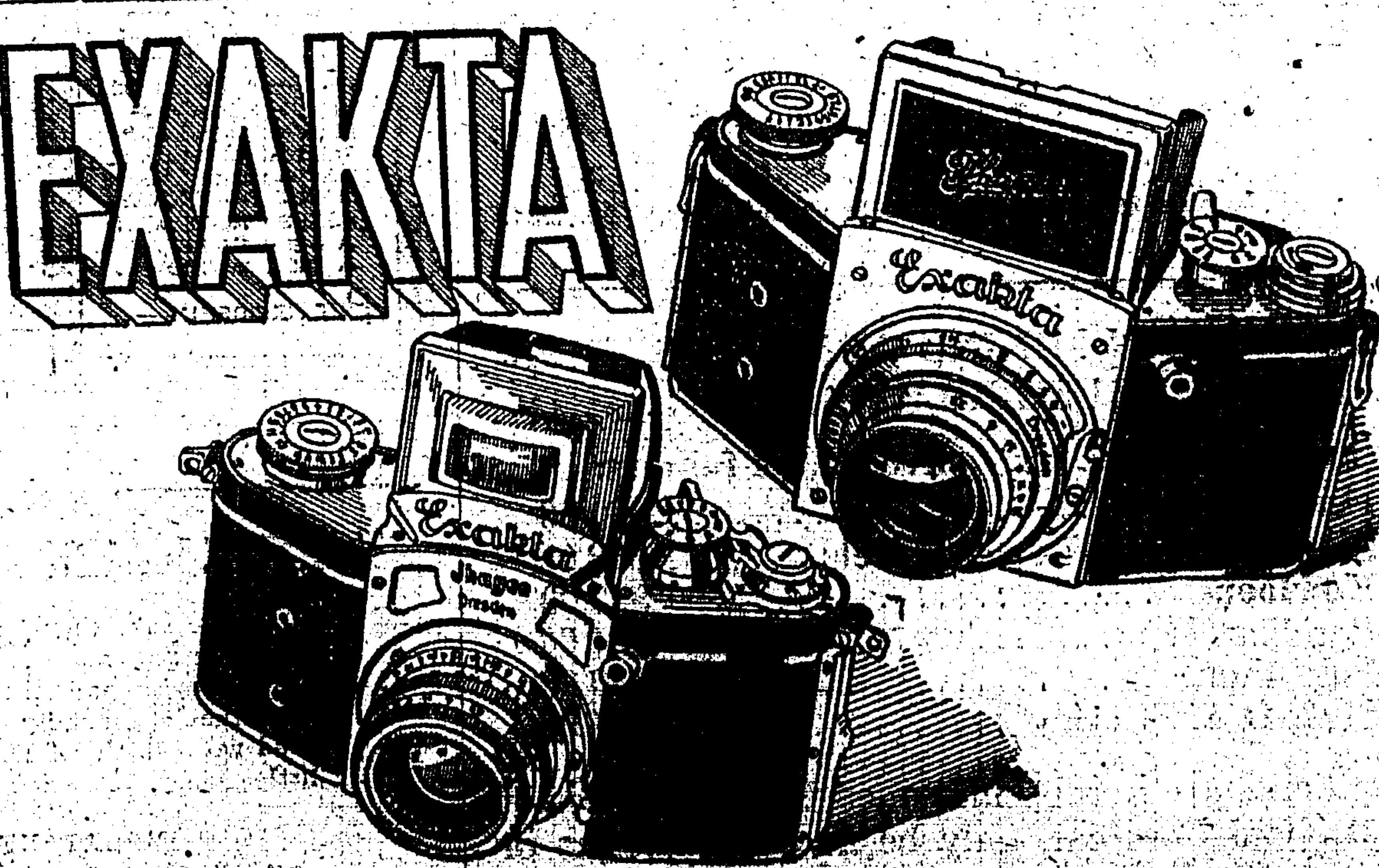
"It's not a bit of good your studying those steamship company's booklets. I keep telling you beggars can't be cruisers."

### LITERARY TASTE

The popular novelist's conceit was getting on the nerves of the critic who was dining with him.

"You know," said the author, fishing for compliments, as usual, "my books are selling wonderfully, and I get richer and richer. But sometimes I think my work is falling off. I don't believe I write as well as I did."

"Oh, nonsense!" replied the critic. "You write just as well as you ever did. Perhaps your literary taste is improving."



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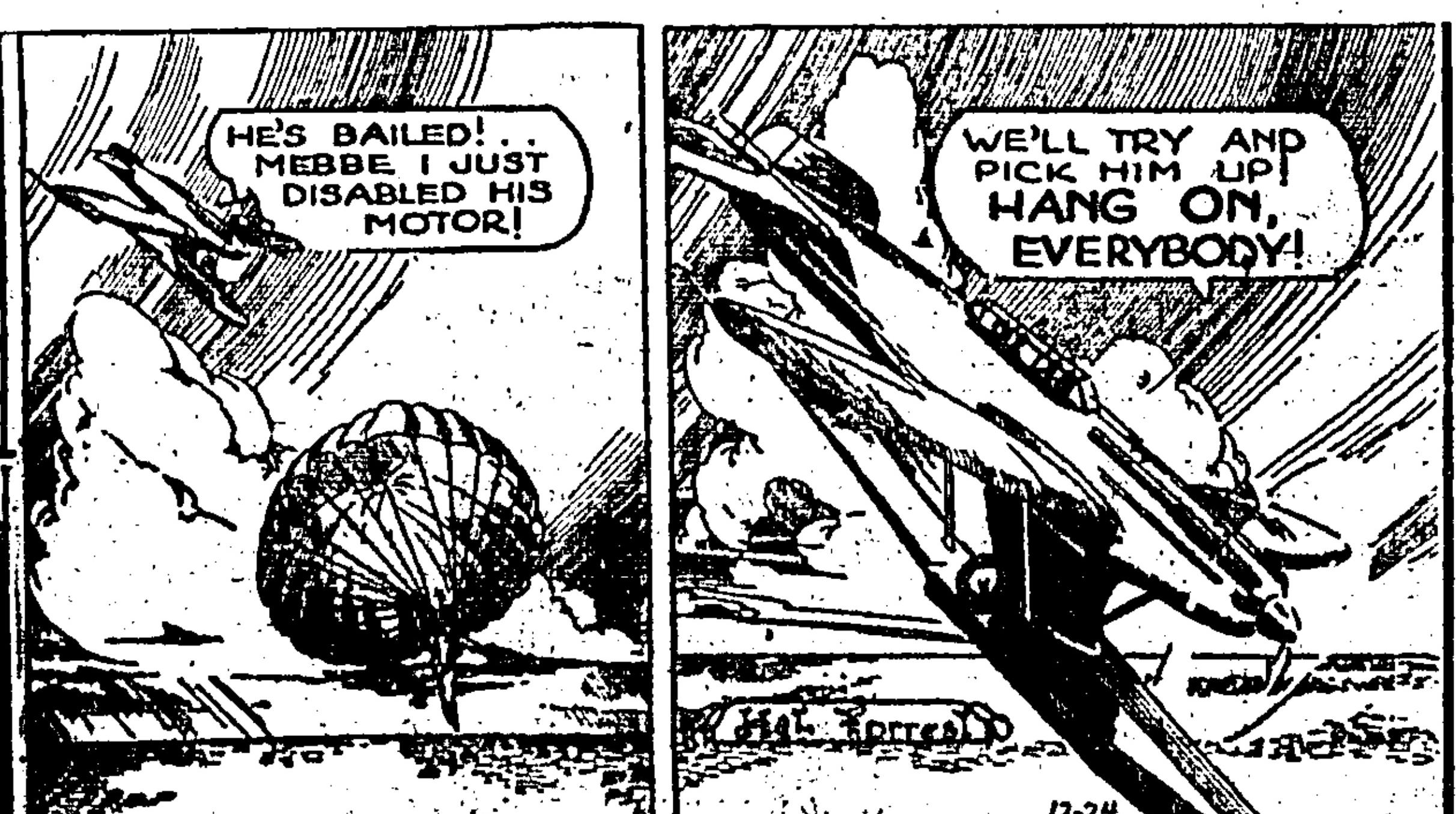
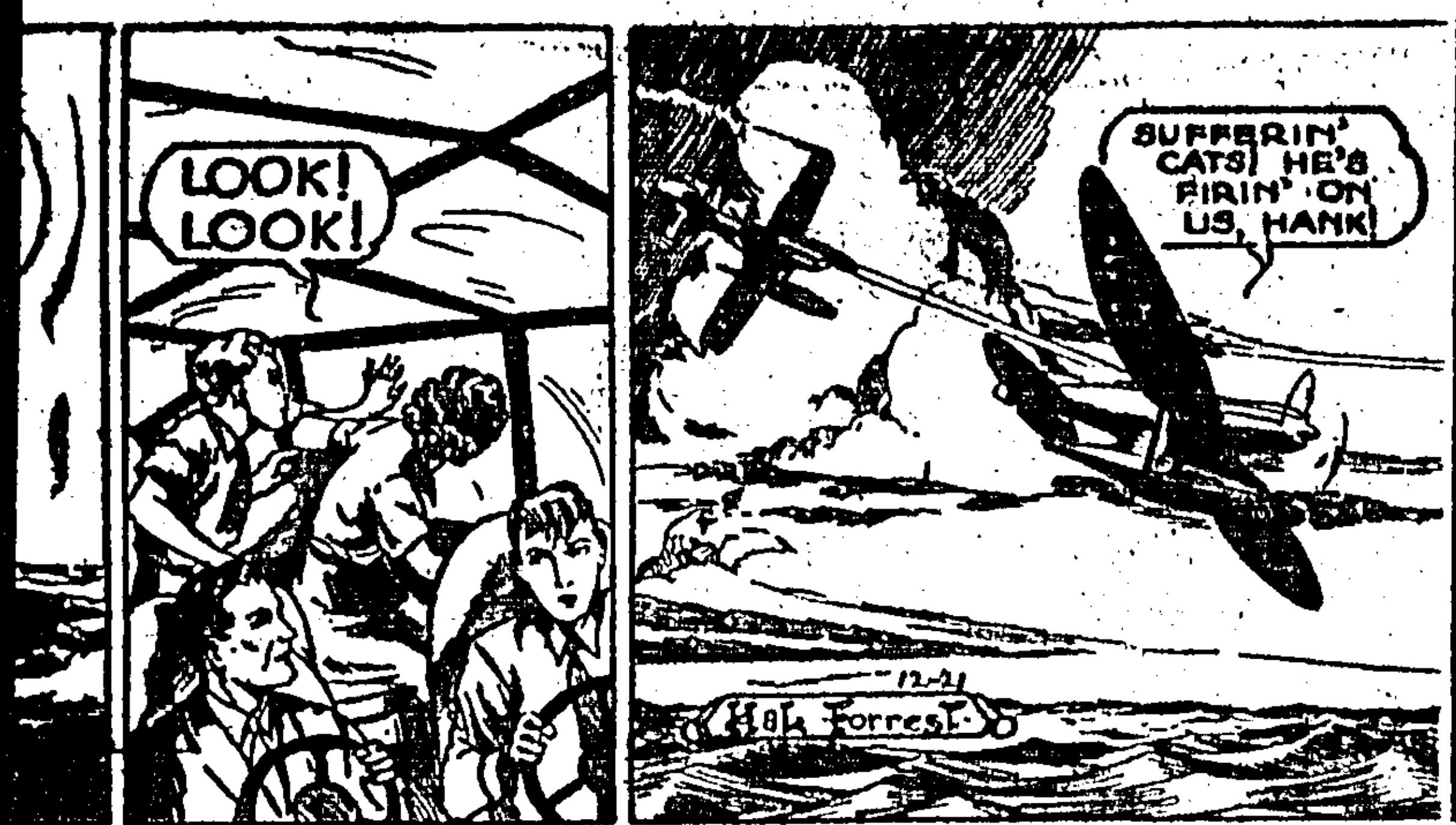
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A Girl Guide receives an award at the Rally last Saturday.

## THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S CORNER

By Muriel Nissen

THIS year marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of the International Red Cross, and considerable philatelic tribute will honour the event. A few months ago Finland issued a stamp set marking this date, and two more countries have announced definite plans for similar releases. They are Belgium and Portugal.

The Red Cross was organized with the primary purpose of caring for the sick and wounded in time of war. The middle of the 19th century saw war in many parts of the world with little if any medical or nursing care giving to the disabled. The resultant scenes of misery and suffering were horrible beyond words. Here and there throughout the world these appalling conditions touched those who determined to remedy conditions. In America Clara Barton organized relief workers for the soldiers of the Civil War. From England, Florence Nightingale went to the Crimea, and

in Switzerland, Henri Dunant published a booklet describing the shocking conditions existing during the Italian wars. Dunant made personal appeals to many governments and his unwearying activity culminated in the Geneva Conference of 1864, when the Red Cross was formally organized.

National Red Cross societies have been founded in almost all countries. In Mohammedan countries the society is known as the Red Crescent, and in Persia the symbol of the Red Lion and Sun replaces the cross.

The Belgian Red Cross was founded in 1864, and that nation has always been a leader in humanitarian projects. There were eight values in the semi-postal set which Belgium released on April 1 as a Red Cross commemorative. The designs have been arranged as follows: 10 centimes plus 5c, likeness of Henri Dunant; 30c plus 5c, portrait of Florence Nightingale; 40c plus 5c, 1 franc



"An error" made during the final of the Women's International Softball last Sunday between China and Philippines. China is fielding.

### GOLDEN GATE SALE

The United States Post Office Department has announced the following figures in connection with first day sale of the Golden Gate Exposition stamp on February 18.

On that day, San Francisco Post Office sold 804,906 stamps and cancelled 352,165 covers. Total receipts were \$24,147.18.

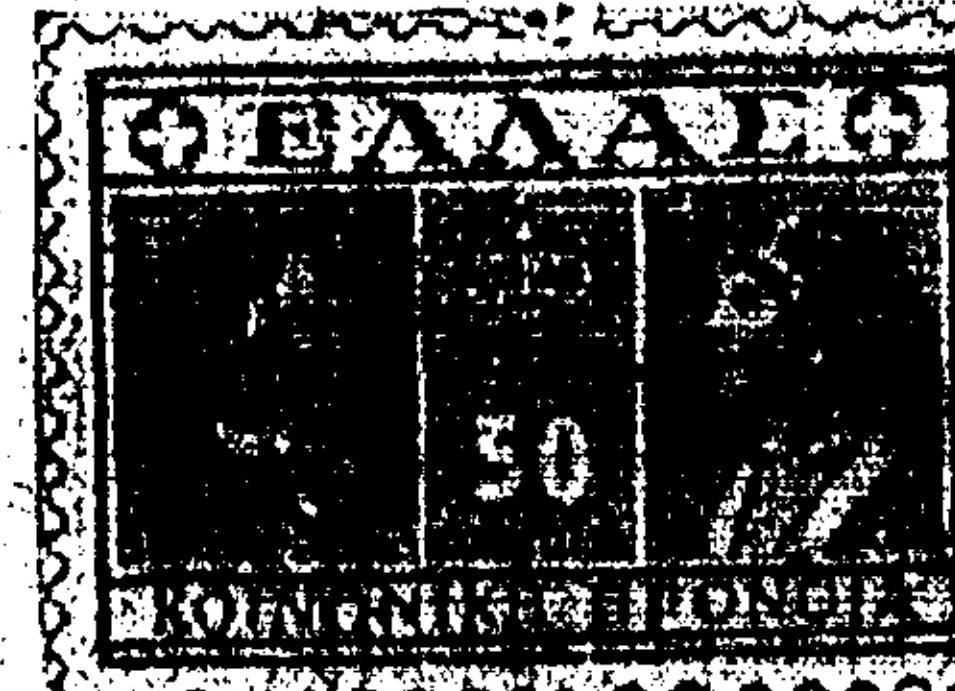
The first day that the stamps were sold in Washington, the philatelic agency and Washington Post office sold 380,261 stamps, cancelled 10,296 covers and received a total of \$11,407.88.

The initial printing of this stamp originally fixed for 50,000,000 was increased to 65,000,000.

### STAMP TEASERS

1. On what stamp will you see cavalry officers receiving instruction?
2. Who was Father Jose Matias Delgado and what stamp honours him?
3. On what adhesive will you find the Fountain of Lions?
4. A group of antelopes appears on what stamp?
5. A lion breaking chains provides the design for what stamp?

### NEW GREEK ISSUE



Two former queens of Greece are portrayed on a new charity issue from that country. The set consists of three values in uniform design. The denominations are: 10 lepta, rose-violet; on rose; 50 lepta, green, on light green and 1 drachma, blue. Pictured at the left of the stamp is the grandmother of the present Greek monarch. Before her marriage to George I of Greece she was the Grand Duchess Olga Constantine of Russia. Constantine, who occupied the Hellenic throne from 1918 to 1922, was her eldest son. In 1889 he married Sophia Dorothea of Hohenzollern, daughter of the Emperor Frederick. Her portrait appears at the right of the new adhesive. She was the mother of the present king.

### ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S QUIZ

1. Emanuel Philibert, Duke of the House of Savoy from 1553 to 1580, is pictured on an Italian stamp of 1928. The House of Savoy is the present ruling house of Italy.
2. On a stamp issued by New Zealand in 1901, an angel is seen blowing a horn.
3. In 1878 the Russo-Turkish War was concluded by the surrender of Osman Pasha, the Turkish general. He and his staff were being escorted to Russian headquarters by Prince Charles of Rumänia, when the Prince congratulated the general on his magnificent defence of Pleven. This action is depicted on a Rumänian stamp of 1906, commemorating the fortieth anniversary of Charles' reign as ruler of Rumänia.
4. A Bolivian adhesive of 1924 pictures aviation students receiving instruction.
5. In 1927 Brazil marked the centenary of its Court of Justice with a stamp set. One of the designs used was a map of Brazil, and the scales of justice.

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## 'HAGGIE FOR SHORT'

(Continued from Page 1)

After that I watched the sais even more carefully than in the past, for if ever I had seen murder in a man's eyes, it had been in the eyes of Ram Dass as he wilted under the final punishing stroke of Bill's riding stick.

Haggie, for her part, appeared to be completely satisfied. She was an uncannily intelligent animal and seemed to know just why Ram Dass had been punished. From that day onwards she ceased following the sais about, but was never far from Bill's heels, except when we were on parade. At such times, she would curl herself up on the foot of her master's bed. It would have been a bold man who tried to disturb her.

Ram Dass certainly never made any such attempt, and, so far as one could tell, seemed to have forgotten, or forgiven, the just punishment he had received from his master. But Hindus are like elephants in one respect—they do not forget.

Bill laughed at me when I suggested that the presence of a cobra in our bathroom and the timely discovery of a krait—most deadly of all Indian snakes—in the foot of a field boot he had been about to pull on might not be due altogether to chance.

Bill might laugh if he chose, but my suspicions regarding Ram Dass were to receive fuller confirmation in the near future, for Bill, never too careful about his own welfare, contracted a chill which turned to pneumonia and was carted off to hospital.

Next morning I was awakened before sunrise by a piteous whining beside my bed. By the dim light of the hurricane lantern, which was kept always burning as a safeguard against snakes, I saw Haggie stretched out on the floor.

The poor old girl's hind-quarters seemed to be paralysed, and I lost no time in getting hold of a vet. He said there was no doubt that she had been poisoned, but, between us, we managed to pull her through. Meanwhile, Ram Dass had packed his scanty possessions and hit the trail for the jungle.

There the sais showed wisdom, for when Bill came back from hospital and heard what had happened he was furious and would have half-murdered Ram Dass if he could have laid hands on him.

It was, maybe, three months later that word went round that a particularly fine tiger had come into the district. Every officer at once put in for shooting leave; but, so far, the tiger had contented himself with cattle-killing and so the Commanding Officer turned down all our applications, because the Regiment was getting ready at that time to go on Army Manoeuvres.

When the big striped cattle-killer presently turned man-eater, the C.O. decided that it was our bounden duty to deal with him, and lots were drawn for the privilege. Bill and I were lucky in that lottery.

There were no elephants available at that time, and, anyway the local natives were not keen on attempting to bolt the man-eater from his lair by fire and the beating of gongs.

"All right," said Bill, "we'll send a message to the head man of the last village raided by Master Stripes to have a machan built; then we'll sit up over a



live bait. The bleating of the goat excites the tiger, d'you remember?"

"Of course," I answered.

"Well, don't forget the luminous paint for your rifle-sights," grinned Bill.

We reached the village in due course and discovered that the machan, built by the head man's orders just inside the jungle, was a solid platform that would be strong enough to bear an elephant.

That evening we watched while a kid was tethered to a stake driven into the ground, and then went back to our tent for supper. Haggie wanted to accompany us when we prepared to set out, but Bill tied her up to the tent pole with a piece of strong rope. He threatened her with a stick when she barked furiously, and we left her curled up on his camp bed, apparently docile and more or less resigned to being left.

Sitting up on a machan above a live bait is always a dreary business. If you are alert, as you should be, every dimly-seen bush takes on the appearance of a tiger and every night noise sounds like the beast's soft tread. If you go to sleep you are likely to fall from the platform and break your neck, if you don't land right on top of the beast you have come out to kill.

That night there seemed little danger of either of us going to sleep, for the head man had chosen a mosquito-haunted spot for the building of the machan, which could hardly have been matched elsewhere in this world.

None the less, the tiger dallied, and I was certainly dozing when a frightful scream of sheer terror tore through the muted noises of the jungle night, scaring me wide awake.

"What the Hades—" cried Bill and sprang to his feet.

Next instant the whole machan crashed down and we were flung violently to the earth. Bill was the first to pick himself up and then asked if I was hurt.

"All right," he said upon hearing my reassurance, "tiger or no tiger, I'm going to find out who screamed."

Together we moved in the direction from which the sound seemed to have come; the evidence of our ears was soon confirmed by a low moaning interspersed by the chattering of teeth like castanets. Bill switched on his torch.

"Well, I'll be damned!" he cried, and well might he be surprised, for there was Haggie, the gnawed end of a rope hanging from her collar and her teeth

A study in expression—taken at the Final of the International women's Softball competition between China and the Philippines last Sunday. Mr. H. A. Barros at the back was the umpire.

fixed in the back of the neck of a native whose face was buried in fallen leaves and earthy mould.

We pulled the dog off and turned the man over, his terrified eyes blinking against the blaze of the torch.

"Ram Dass, eh?" growled Bill, "what's that he's got in his hand, Harry?"

Together we traced the cord which Ram Dass held until it led us back to the remains of our machan. The scoundrel had evidently assisted in building

that platform, had seen that the final tie could be easily released by pulling on a running knot, and had then calmly waited to precipitate us into the jaws of the tiger when it should arrive.

Only, as Bill remarked, Haggie had turned up first and, by pinning Ram Dass by the neck, had caused him to pull the rope too soon, thereby probably saving our lives.

The machan was rebuilt under our own supervision next morning, and at night we bagged the man-eater, Haggie sitting with us on the platform. Meanwhile, Ram Dass had been sent to jail-khana, where no dog would have a chance of biting him for quite a considerable time.

**"I suppose  
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fussy..."**

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instance, I'm fond of the theatre;  
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C. Figueredo, the Portuguese catcher anxiously waiting while a Chinese player scores in the final of the Men's international Softball Final last Sunday.



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## CABBAGES AND KINGS

### PRISONERS

A newly-promoted colonel gave a dinner to his regiment. Addressing the men he said, jovially: "Now fall upon the food without mercy, Treat it as if it were the enemy."

At the end of the dinner he noticed a sergeant sneaking away with two bottles of wine.

"What are you doing?" he asked. "Obeying orders, sir," was the reply. "When you don't kill the enemy, you take them prisoners."

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### SOME DIFFERENCE

A clergyman at a dinner had listened with increasing annoyance to a voluble young man who had much to say on Darwin and his "Origin of Species."

"I can't see," argued the young whippersnapper, "what difference it would make to me if my great-grandfather were an ape."

"Possibly not," commented the clergyman, drily; "but it must have made a great difference to your great-grandmother."

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### BAD RISK

A man went into an insurance office to have his life insured.

"Do you cycle?" the agent asked.

"No," replied the man.

"Do you drive a car?"

"No."

"Perhaps you fly?"

"No," said the applicant, smiling. "I don't do any of the dangerous things."

"Sorry, sir," replied the agent, "but we no longer insure pedestrians."

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### MIXED

Clergyman's wife (rushing out into the garden where her offspring are engaged in teasing a terrier):

"Children, you must not make all that noise. Your father is busy writing his sermon—and you really must not worry the poor brute."

# MY FRIENDS



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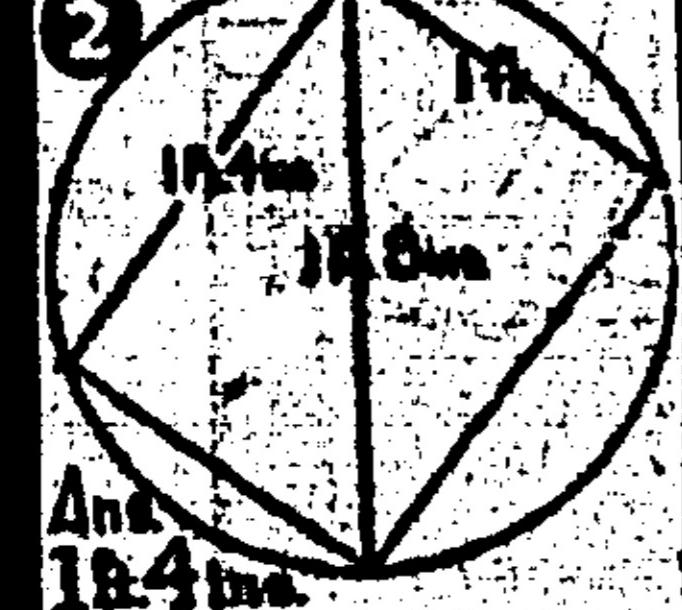
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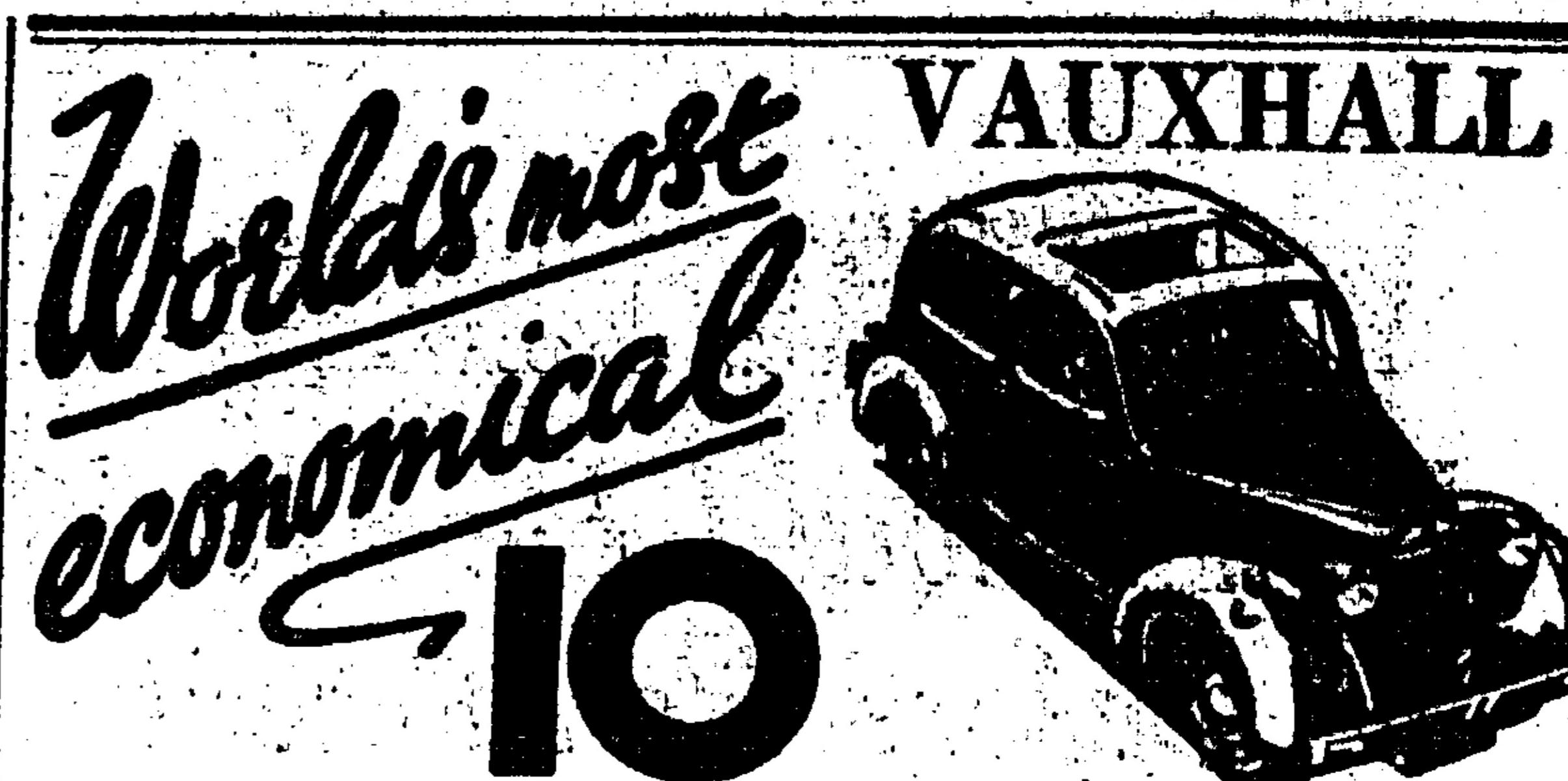
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by PATRICIA LINDSAY

# Hair Should Be Healthy Before Permanent

You have heard it before from me, and from other beauty editors! Your hair must be healthy if you want your new Spring permanent to be lovely, and to add to your beauty! A permanent given on dry or neglected hair is a despair as long as it lasts! Better you wiggle along without a curl than to have a kinky mass of unlovely hair!

### BEGIN NOW

If you want to get a new permanent for Spring begin to-day to care for your hair as you should. Recondition it through good scalp massages, the use of a specific ointment, tonic and shampoo. Correct the dandruff condition before you even

think of making an appointment with your hairdresser for the wave!

Much of the reconditioning can be done at home, but if you are to ten good hot oil treatments, accompanied with scientific scalp massages and cleansings, by all means invest in them. Such an investment usually gives you hair beauty for about six months.

If your scalp is oily, that too should be corrected. For hair unusually oily simply does not take a lasting wave. If you wish to correct the condition at home, send a self-addressed, stamped (3-cent) envelope for my leaflet "Care of the Oily Scalp" which suggests the most simple of ways. "Reconditioning Dry or Neglected Hair" is another leaflet available. So even though your beauty funds are limited there is no reason why you should greet Easter with a messy looking halo!

### FOODS AND EXERCISE NECESSARY

As it is true regarding your facial skin, so is it with your scalp. Sensible foods and exercise are needed for true beauty. As the weather permits get out of doors and run or walk, or play a recreational game. Jump rope—that's grand! Try to eat your meals at regular hours each day and do include a lot of fresh fruit juices and vegetables. Fish, which contains iodine, is good for hair nourishment. So include that too in your menus.

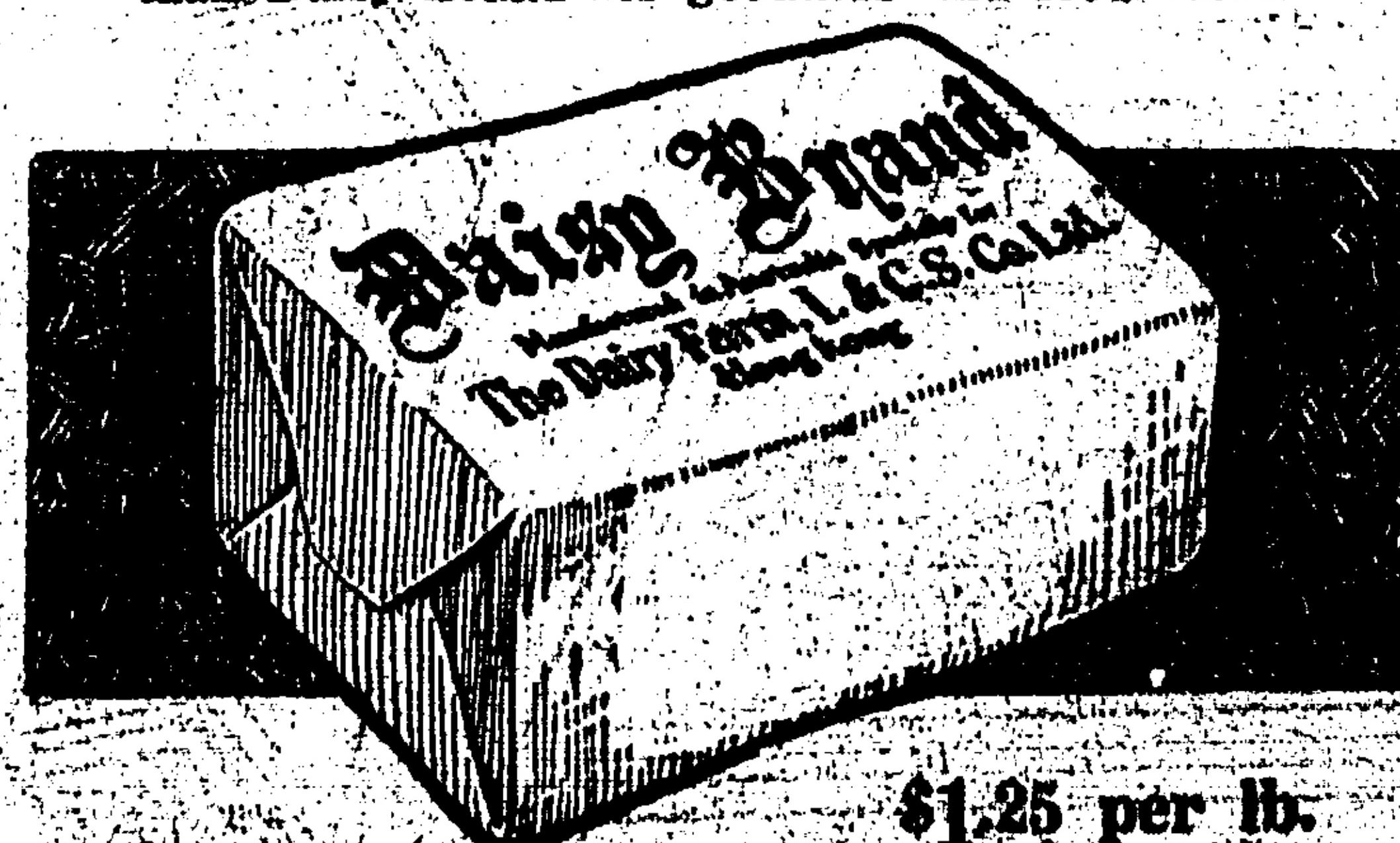
On new chapeau, or Spring suit will look nicely on you, unless your hair is glossy with health and attention. So get busy.



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Make syrup of sugar, adding spices when boiling. When syrup thickens remove from fire. When cold, pour over semolina squares and serve with lemon juice. Sufficient for four people.

## "THE KING'S PARTING FROM HIS FAVOURITE"



Mrs. Percy Chen dances for Charity.

Mei Lan Fan delighted millions of Chinese theatre goers in all parts of China with his grace in the part of the Favourite of a Chinese Emperor who nearly lost his kingdom to the barbarians. Mrs. Percy Chen has chosen the famous sword dance from this play to entertain those who will be present at the St. John's Ambulance Ball to-night.

The dance of the Favourite is one of the most eloquent episodes of the play. The Emperor whose country has been invaded is downcast and despondent. He feels that all is lost and wants to give up the fight. But his Favourite seeks to re-kindle the patriotic and kingly qualities in her Emperor so she takes up his swords and by her dancing urges him to take the field once more.

The Chinese Classical Drama employs dance and miming to portray emotions and even words. The rhythm of the dance is as marked as the "combinations" or routine of the Western Classical or Plastic ballet. To the Westerner some of the movements when performed by a Chinese actor or actress are so delicate as to be meaningless unless one is already initiated into the patterns and conventionalities of the Chinese Classical Drama.

Mrs. Percy Chen has sought to capture the cadence of the rhythm of the Dance and will give the onlookers a clearer understanding of the art of "verse". The conventionalities denoting the overwhelming charge of the cavalry will be recognized. And when the dancer whirls the shining swords to the crescendo of the music of the drama the onlookers will realize that he is being carried into the middle of confusion and bewilderment.

## What The Stars Foretell

(By MARY BLAKE)

The average person will lack discretion this day. Indecision is a fault that is likely to be one of the day's greatest evils. Frivolous excuses will cause many a person to get deeper into hot water. The truth, even if it is not palatable, may do far more good this day than an unreasoning apology. Eaves-droppers must be guarded against, for there is a chance that many persons will indulge in it, especially children. Hints in all likelihood, will be difficult to put across, so in many cases plain speaking will be the only means of getting some idea accepted. Be careful that, in handling figures or money, mistakes do not occur, through your attention being diverted, as interruptions will be responsible for most of the errors made this day. Married and engaged couples, as well as those who have found the "one and only" person they wish to marry, might discover that conforming to wishes will brighten this day considerably.

If a woman and April 28 is your birthday, you ought to have a fluent tongue, a fascinating smile and a lot of personal magnetism. When the race of life ends it probably will find you an acknowledged winner. Many things ought to come your way that will advance your good fortune in a gratifying fashion. You apparently have a very logical way of reasoning, and this be a great help in your commercial, artistic or professional future. You should endeavour to associate with people about your own age, whose outlook on life is optimistic. You are likely to be musically inclined, and should do everything possible to satisfy your love for music. You might have need of a keen sense of humour, so do everything possible to fully develop it. As an artist, actress, writer, professional entertainer, or as a married woman, your chances for happiness appear to be unlimited.

The child born on April 28 evidently will do things in a big way. The most auspicious conditions seem to surround this youngster. Love apparently will be a dominating influence for much good.

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A corner of Andersen, Meyer's new showroom, showing G. E. refrigerators.

## Electrical Gadgets For The Home

Despite anxious and troublous times in this part of the hemisphere, Andersen, Meyer, subsidiary of General Electric Inc. of U.S.A., have opened their new showroom on the ground floor of David House, Des Voeux Road Central.

Here well-known G. E. products are now on display, including a full range of G. E. "touch tuning" radios with superlative short wave reception, and G. E. oil-cooling refrigerators, featuring the latest improvements.

That the new showroom has filled a long felt need is amply demonstrated by the success attending the venture.

A full range of electrical appliances includes coffee percolators, toasters, waffle makers, disc stoves, irons and vacuum cleaners, in addition to a comprehensive range of electrical desk and wall clocks in various styles and colour schemes.

Those who find the climate of Hong Kong trying, will obtain their solution in the Carrier Year-Round Air Conditioner — cool comfort in the summer, warmth in the winter; while the G. E. sun-lamp will give rays of light equivalent to sunshine, whatever the weather may be. Those who are fastidious about the cleanliness of their household, the Magic-Aire will answer their need, for here is a machine that will clean floors, walls, ceilings, curtains and lampshades, spray carpets, deodorise clothes, etc., with a simplicity of effort that is amazing.

A visit to the new showroom of Andersen, Meyer's will be well worth your while, for you will be received courteously and shown the entire range of the many and varied G.E. electrical products that go to make life more pleasant.

Those beauties of an earlier day, whose hair-dos we copy, would envy us our modern facilities for creating curls. This is the opinion of Pierre Victor Senegas, veteran hairdresser of Paris and New York, who has groomed such famous heads as Sarah Bernhardt's and Lillian Russell's, and whose years of service are a connecting link between the past and the present.

Among the tips he gives you for improving the beauty of your hair, the prime essentials he lists are: a good permanent wave, faithful brushing, and scrupulous cleanliness.

When you brush your hair, hold your head down, and force the brush upward to bring out lustre, to coax oil to the very ends, to reverse the circulation, and to pull and tug at your scalp for a healthful workout.

To convert oily strands into fluffy curls, roll them up on tubular lengths of absorbent cotton or facial tissues, and secure them with hairpins. Holding your coiffure in place with an overnight net guarantees a well-groomed head.

For a quick shampoo to dissolve oil from her hair, Lillian Russell used lycopodium, a fine yellow powder made from the seed of club moss, which is just as effective today in routing dirt and grease without leaving a powdery residue.

If you have a dandruff condition, shampoo your hair frequently, and keep your scalp germ-resistant with daily brushing and massage. There are numerous antiseptic lotions on the market you can use, or you can make your own by mixing two drams of lactic acid, two

## Indian Fritters

INTO a large bowl place three heaped tablespoonsfuls of rice flour and pour in sufficient boiling water to form a soft dough. When cold, add 2 eggs well beaten up, a tablespoonful of sugar, a salt-spoonful of salt, a pinch of bicarbonate of soda, a teaspoonful of grated nutmeg and some mixed spice.

Cut bananas in half lengthwise, dip in the above batter and fry in butter or other fat. Sprinkle sugar over or serve with syrup.

drams of castor oil and three and one-half ounces of pure grain alcohol. Rub this into the scalp at night once or twice weekly, and wash it out the following morning.

One teaspoon of lemon juice or vinegar in a basin of water for your final rinse not only will add sparkle to your hair, but is an effective neutralizer in offsetting the reaction to the alkaline in soap. And if you cherish the luster of your hair, resign yourself to a longer stay under a moderately warm dryer.

A rat-tailed comb, such as hairdressers use, is an invaluable aid in swirling professional looking curls over your own fingers. And invisible clips, pins and pliable grip-tooth combs will keep them in place. Straggling locks can be converted into suave ringlets with feather-weight aluminum rollers, which come in all sizes.

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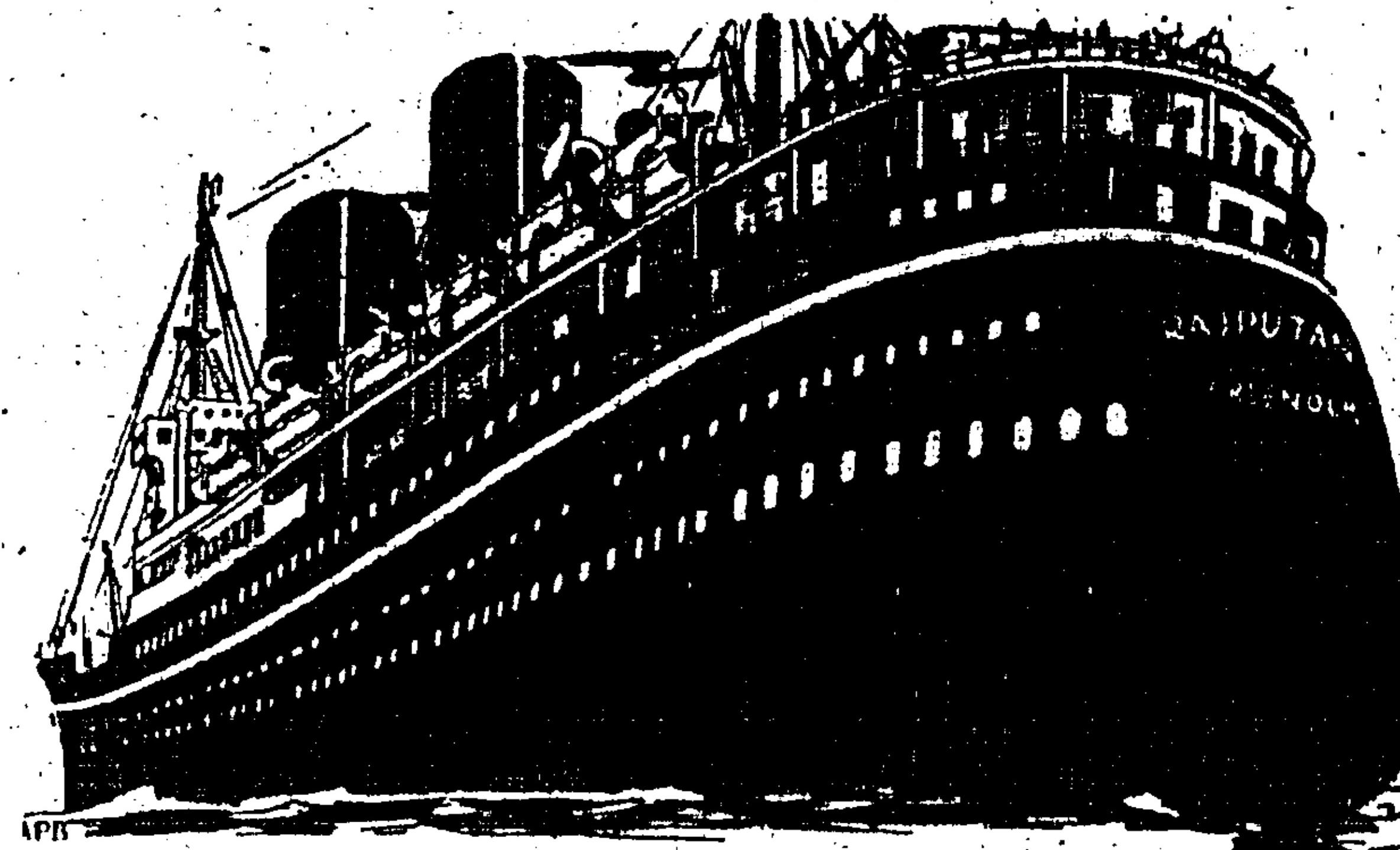


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BRANCHI	17,000	10th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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BHUTAN	6,000	12th May	Shanghai & Japan.
SHIRALA	8,000	25th May	Japan.
RANIPURA	17,000	26th May	Shanghai & Japan.
BEHAR	8,000	26th May	Shanghai & Japan.
NANNING	7,000	5th June	Shanghai & Japan.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	8th June	Shanghai & Japan.
SOUDAN	7,000	8th June	Shanghai & Japan.
TIWALA	10,000	16th June	Japan.
CHITRAL	15,000	23rd June	Shanghai & Japan.

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### INWARD MAIRS

Haiphong, Pakhoi and Fort Bayard..	Kaying .....	April 28.
Haiphong .....	Canton .....	April 28.
Rabaul .....	Friderun .....	April 28.
Sangkok .....	Kweiyang .....	April 28.
Japan .....	Kitano Maru .....	April 29.
Manila .....	Anna Maersk .....	April 29.
Shanghai and Swatow .....	Liangchow .....	April 29.
Japan .....	Toyama Maru .....	April 29.
Japan .....	Montevideo Maru .....	April 29.
Shanghai .....	Tusima Maru .....	April 29.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service" — San Francisco date, 21st April .....	Conte Biancamano .....	April 29.
Shanghai and Amoy .....	Pan-American Airways Plane, April 30.	
Shanghai and Swatow .....	Tjinegara .....	April 30.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" — London date, 26th April .....	Kiungchow .....	April 30.
Calcutta and Straits .....	Imperial Airways Plane .....	May 1.
Shanghai .....	Kumsang .....	May 1.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai (San Francisco date, 30th Mar) .....	Hector .....	May 2.
Straits .....	Tatuta Maru .....	May 2.
Saigon .....	Van Heutsz .....	May 2.
Japan .....	Laos .....	May 3.
Japan .....	Nellore .....	May 3.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" — London date, 29th April. Imperial Airways Plane .....	Santhia .....	May 4.

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For Per Date and Time.

#### FRIDAY

Swatow, Chuanchow and Foochow .....	Seistan .....	Apr. 28, 3 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and Air France Plane .....	A.P.O. ....	Fri., Apr. 28,
France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service".	Reg., Ord.,	Apr. 28, 5 p.m.
— do —	Reg., Ord.,	Apr. 28, 5.30 p.m.
— do —	Reg., Ord.,	Apr. 28, 6 p.m.
— do —	Reg., Ord.,	Apr. 28, 7 p.m.
Amoy .....	Taiyuan .....	Apr. 28, 7 p.m.

#### SATURDAY

Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Kitano Maru .....	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Sat., Apr. 29,
Thursday Island — due Thursday Island 11th May.	Reg., Ord.,	Apr. 29, 8.45 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East Africa, British M/V Canton .....	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Sat., Apr. 29,
Aden, Egypt, Malta & Europe via Marseilles — due Marseilles, 26th May.	Par., Reg., Ord.,	Apr. 29, 9.45 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Direct Service" — due Amsterdam, 9th May.	British M/V Canton .....	Sat., Apr. 29,
Swatow .....	Reg., Ord.,	Apr. 29, 9.30 a.m.
Prominent .....	Reg., Ord.,	Apr. 29, 10.30 a.m.
Manila and Naples — due Naples, 22nd May.	Wosang .....	Apr. 29, 1 p.m.
Salon .....	Conte Biancamano .....	Apr. 29, 4.30 p.m.
Parcels and Papers only for South Africa via Durban .....	Heilikon .....	Apr. 29, 5 p.m.
Montevideo Maru .....	Montevideo Maru .....	Apr. 29, 5 p.m.

#### SUNDAY

Swatow .....	Chaksang .....	Apr. 30, 9 a.m.
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 SUWA MARU ..... Friday, 5th May.  
 TERUKUNI MARU ..... Friday, 19th May.  
 HAKUSAN MARU ..... Saturday, 3rd June.  
 SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Davao, Thursday Island and Brisbane.  
 KITANO MARU ..... Saturday, 29th Apr.  
 BOMBAY via Singapore and Colombo.  
 \*TOYAMA MARU ..... Saturday, 29th Apr.  
 TANGO MARU ..... Tuesday, 9th May.  
 RANGOON & CALCUTTA via Singapore  
 \*TUSIMA MARU ..... Sunday, 30th Apr.  
 \*LIMA MARU ..... Wednesday, 10th May.  
 KOBE & YOKOHAMA  
 HARUNA MARU (via Keelung) ..... Sunday, 7th May.  
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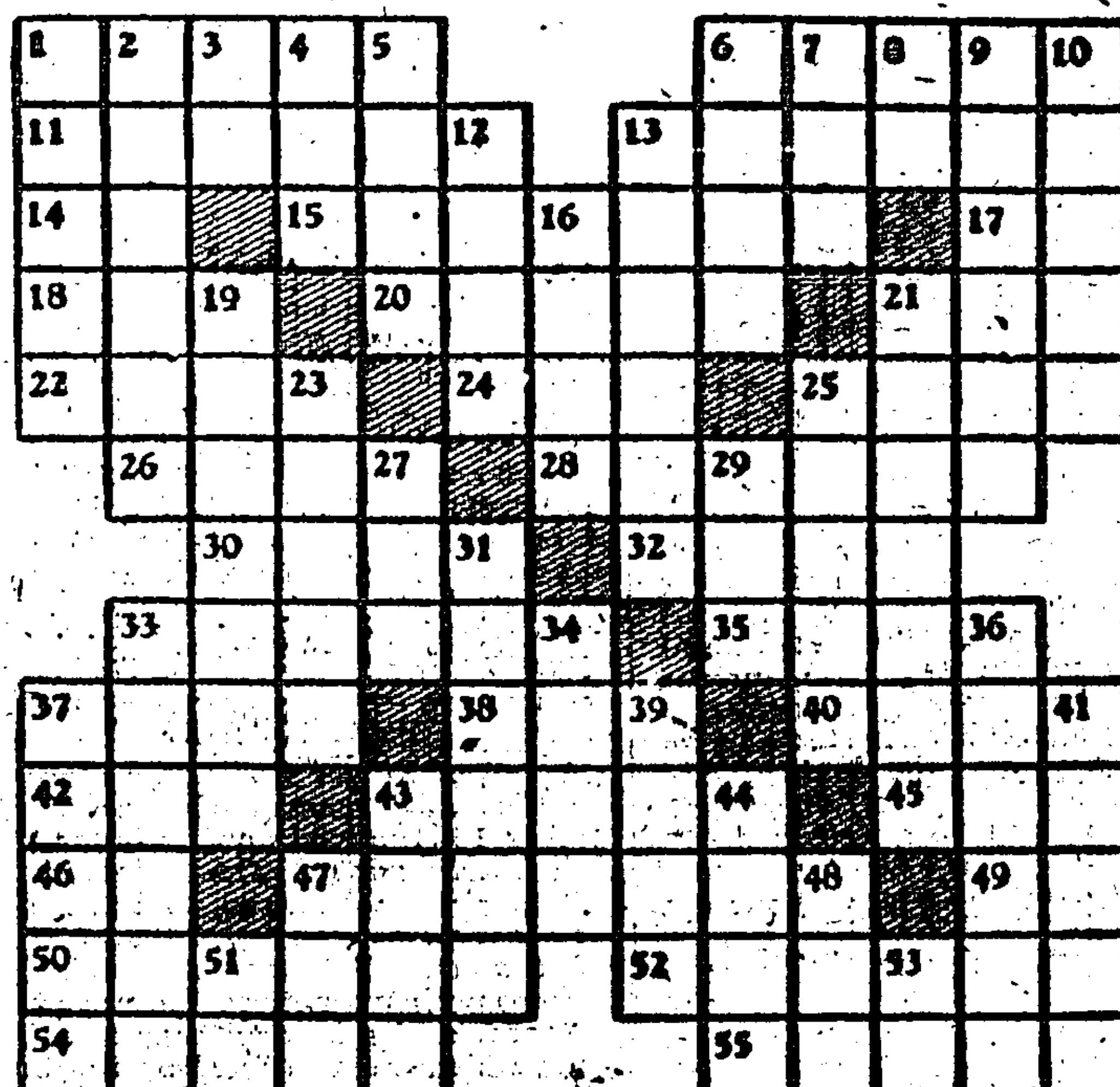
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- 6 North
- Africans
- 11 Depends
- 13 Poem
- 14 Part of "to be"
- 15 To suggest
- 17 Musical syllable
- 18 Poker pool
- 20 Salmonid fish
- 21 Roll of hair
- 22 Continually
- 24 Jutting rock
- 26 To allot
- 28 Greek deity
- 29 To deduce
- 30 Bellow
- 32 Small valley
- 33 Spoke imperfectly
- 35 Flock
- 37 Suitable
- 38 Flounder
- 40 European
- 42 Foe
- 43 Dove
- 45 Gull
- 46 Tuna
- 48 To deduce
- 50 Bellow
- 52 Small valley
- 53 Spoke imperfectly
- 54 Flock

#### VERTICAL

- 49 Symbol for sanitation
- 50 Parts of flowers
- 52 Decrees
- 54 Redicates
- 55 To contort
- YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION
- 56 A superlative
- 57 Number
- 58 A nautical term
- 59 To take away
- 60 Mulberry
- 61 To taste
- 62 Saucy
- 63 A superlative
- 64 Redicates
- 65 To contort
- 66 Venerates
- 67 Fruit
- 68 A nautical term
- 69 To tell
- 70 Condition
- 71 Kind
- 72 Lost
- 73 Sweetness
- 74 Russian weight
- 75 Small dog
- 76 Venerates
- 77 Perch
- 78 Land measures
- 79 To weaken
- 80 Cheat
- 81 Fortification
- 82 Looked obliquely
- 83 To mend
- 84 Religious sect of Syria
- 85 Large deer
- 86 To bubble
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BOMBAY & KARACHI via Singapore, Penang and Colombo ..... Calcutta via Singapore Belawan Ryufuku Maru ..... Thur., 4th May.

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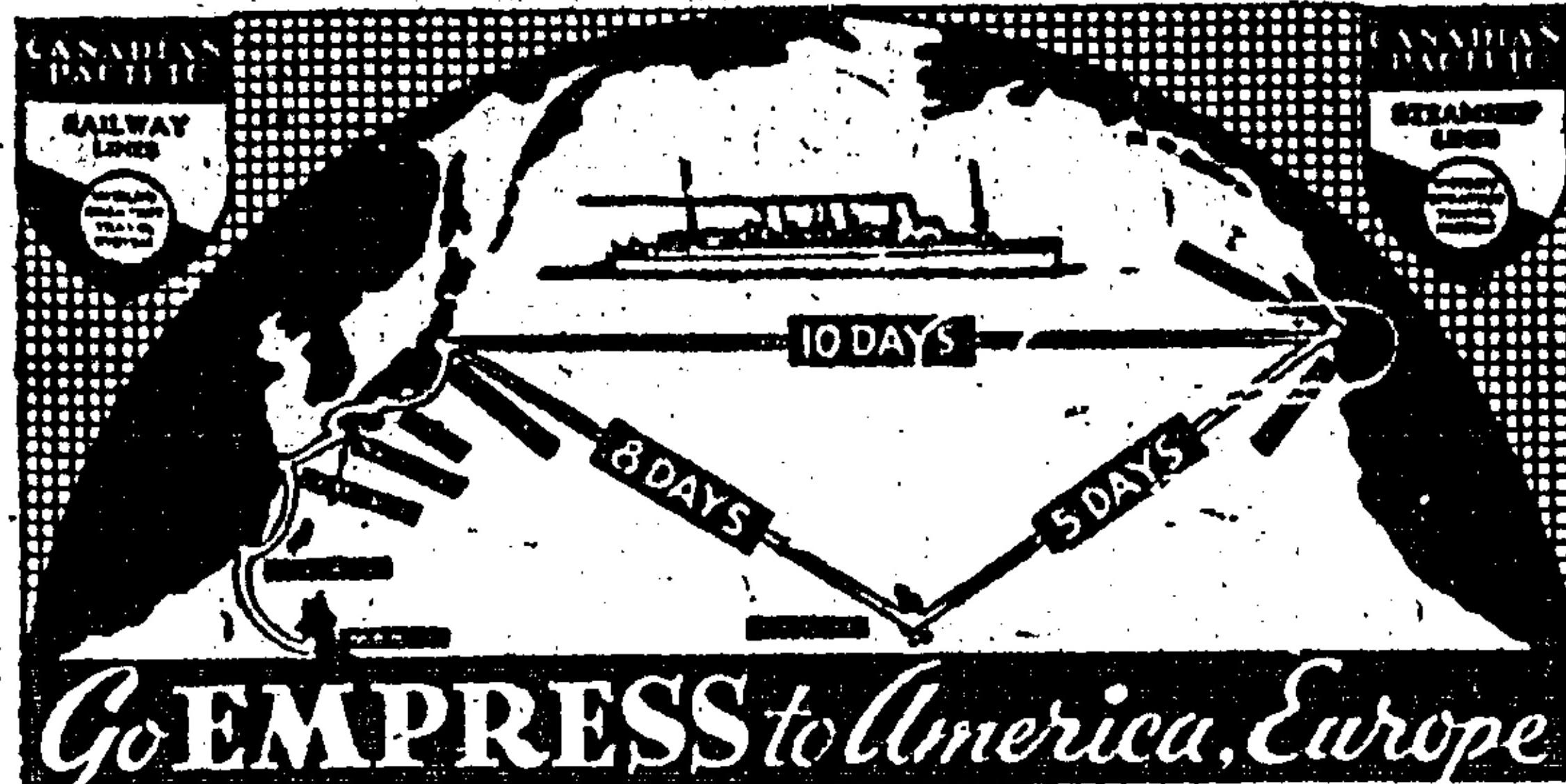
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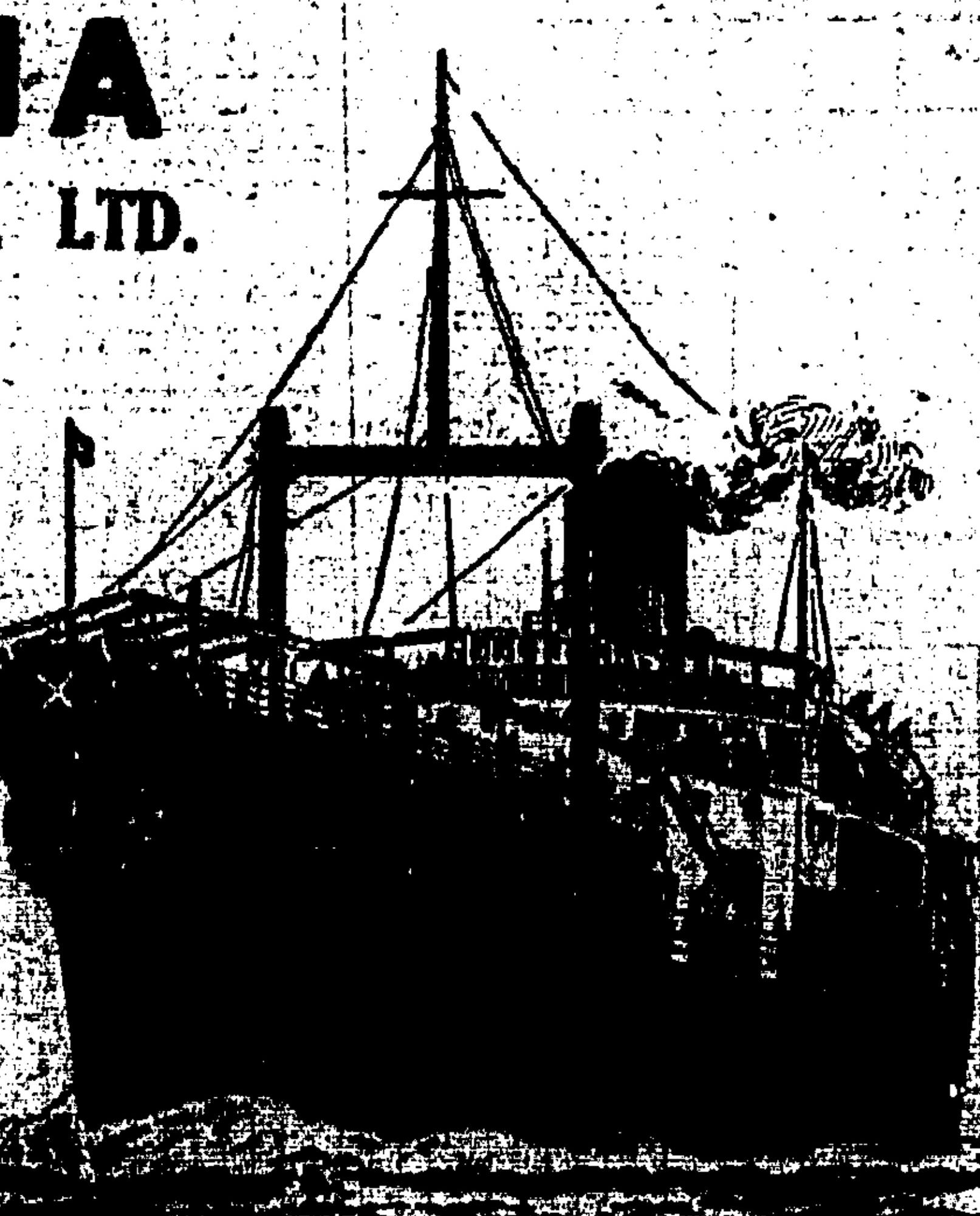
"Kutsang" 18th May 2 p.m.  
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To HAIPHONG.

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## CHINA UNDERWRITERS MEETING

The Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields presided this afternoon at the annual meeting of shareholders of China Underwriters, when much improved results were reported.

The Chairman said:—In the Life Assurance Department New Business premiums at \$126,471 are about the same as last year's figure.

Renewal Premiums have increased and the total premium income at \$661,417 shows an increase over the figure of \$648,182 last year.

Death Claims at \$87,852 show a considerable decrease from the figure of \$131,533 last year. Claims by Maturity are reduced from \$67,954 to \$43,967. Surrenders show an increase from \$124,738 to \$137,413. Expenses excluding commission amounted to \$218,446 which is very slightly in excess of last year. The Life Assurance Fund shows an increase from \$691,815 to \$824,436.

Unfortunately the extension of the Sino-Japanese hostilities to South China made it necessary for us to close our Canton Office during the year. We have had a fair measure of success in collecting renewal premiums from this

business, but in the circumstances there has naturally been a considerable fall-off.

### REDUCED CLAIMS

In the Fire Insurance Department Premiums at \$102,859 compare with the figure of \$102,996 in 1937. Claims at \$45,257 show a reduction from the figure of \$55,556 last year. Expenses, excluding Commission, have been reduced from \$22,539 to \$20,356. The Fire Insurance Fund has increased from \$78,077 to \$98,148.

In the Marine Insurance Department Premiums at \$122,942 show an increase over the figure of \$110,363 last year, the increase being largely due to the collection of War Risk premiums. Claims at \$46,140 show a very considerable reduction from the high figure of \$102,975 last year which, it will be remembered, arose largely from the payment of Typhoon claims. The present figure is, moreover, considerably lower than the 1936 figure. The Fund has increased from \$127,920 to \$167,892.

The results in the Accident Department have not been satisfactory owing to a heavy claim experience in one section of the business which has been discontinued.

The Premiums show a reduction from \$50,945 to \$44,176, and the Fund shows a decrease from \$32,386 to \$20,513. Bearing in mind that the unexpired risk decreases with the decrease in business, this should be adequate to cover unexpired risks under the policies without any transfer from Profit and Loss.

### SECURITY VALUATION

In the Profit and Loss account the main item is the interest not carried to other accounts amounting to \$58,626. After transferring \$50,000 to General Reserve account there remains a balance in Profit and Loss Account of \$16,559.

The principal feature in the Balance Sheet calling for comment is the valuation of securities.

Excluding securities in Chinese Currency represented by our holding in Shanghai Debentures, the fluctuations in the value of securities approximate

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ly balanced out but the value of the Shanghai securities in Chinese National Dollars show a depreciation of nearly H.K.\$100,000, almost entirely due to the fall in the National Dollar exchange. This depreciation is given effect to in the Balance Sheet as a reduction in the Investment and Exchange Reserve which stands at \$107,419 compared with \$200,356 last year.

There has been an increase in the loans on Company's policies from \$496,991 to \$587,038. Mortgages show an increase, and the total assets of the Company appear at \$2,919,987 compared with \$2,781,213 at the end of last year. It will be noticed that the uninvested Cash stands at only \$176,279 as compared with the figure of \$247,967 at the end of 1937 as our funds were more fully invested.

### SHARE CALL

A call of \$1 per share was made on the Company's shares on the 1st December 1938 payable on or before the 16th March 1939. The response to this may be considered to have been very satisfactory as practically the whole amount has been received.

You may have noticed the recent references in the local Press to a Fire claim which was contested by the Company on grounds of fraud.

The Claim was in respect of total Insurances to the value of \$150,000 of which this Company, among six, held the leading share. By agreement the Action instituted by the insured was in the nature of a test action against us as the leading Company, and I am glad to say that the result was entirely in our favour, judgment with costs being awarded to us without our having to call any evidence.

The actual net amount at risk to us, after allowing for reinsurance, was small, and any balance of costs which may prove irrecoverable is more than provided for by the reserve included under the heading of Claims.

In conclusion, I should like to place on record our appreciation of the valued co-operation of the Managing Directors, General Manager, Secretaries and

## NEW ADDITIONS NOTICE

S.A.O.B. (C.L.B.) CLUB. An Extra-ordinary General Meeting has been called by the Committee on TUESDAY, MAY 1, 1939, at 10 a.m. Will all mem-



# INTERPORT TEAM LEAVES FOR MANILA.

*Last-Minute Inability Of E. Strange To Sail*

## "ONE OF STRONGEST TEAMS TO HAVE REPRESENTED H.K."

Full of confidence and eagerly looking forward to a pleasant stay in Manila, the Interport soccer team left last night in the President Cleveland and were seen off by a number of officials and friends among whom were Mr. W. Pryde, chairman of the Association and Mr. Wong Ka-tsung, chairman of the Management Committee of the Football Association.

First setback the team received was the last-minute inability of E. Strange to make the trip. All arrangements had been made for him to go but at the last minute, Mr. Kinnard, of his office, contracted measles and Strange could not be spared.

"I am leading one of the strongest Interport teams ever to leave the shores of this Colony" said Lee Wai-tong, captain of the Football team last night prior to sailing, and though we will be playing under strange conditions, I feel that we should do well.

"A number of players have played under artificial light before."

"We are well served by useful reserves and most of the players, with the exception of Tam Kwan-kon, are able to fill more than one position so that it will not be necessary for a player to take part in more than two of the three games."

"I am really glad we are about to leave" said Mr. C. A. Goldenberg, "We had a hectic week fixing up passports and other papers. At first we thought that we would be able to land in Manila under similar conditions as St. Joseph's, Eastern and other teams did in the past, but were told that owing to the present conditions, such arrangements could not be made."

"Our thanks are due to the Police Authorities, the American Consulate, and the Chinese Consular Invoice office for their assistance and I trust there will be no hitch with the Immigration Authorities in Manila on our arrival there."

"As regards the team, everyone is reported fit. Lai Shui-wing and Leung Wing-chui, who were slightly injured

last Saturday, and who did not play last Sunday, have fully recovered.

"We expect stronger opposition from Manila than that which they put up here last February, but am confident we will come out on top."

The Interport team, accompanied by Mr. C. A. Goldenberg and Mr. C. Guimgam left shortly after midnight by the President Cleveland and will play three games in Manila. The official Interport game will be played on Sunday night at 8.30 p. m.

The continuation of the series with Manila in future will depend on the success of this visit. Manila's visit in Hong Kong in February was considered a success in every respect.

The team is composed of:

Tam Kwan-kon (South China "B")—goal.  
Lee Ting-sang (South China "A")—back.  
Shechan (Middlesex)—back.  
Hou Yung-sang (Kwong-Wah)—back.  
Freshwater (Middlesex)—half.  
Courtney (Middlesex)—half or forward.  
Beltrao (St. Joseph's)—half, forward or goalkeeper.  
Leung Wing-chui (South China "A")—half or back.  
Emberson (Ordnance)—right winger.  
Fung King-cheong—inside or centre forward.  
Lee Wai-tong (South China)—centre or inside forward.  
A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's)—inside or centre forward.  
Hau Ching-to (Eastern)—left or right winger.  
Lai Shui-wing (South China "A")—inside forward.

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## ARMY BOXING TOURNAMENT CONCLUDES

A number of excellent boxing bouts were seen last night at the Nanking Barracks when the finals of the Hong Kong Area Open Individual and Boys' Championships took place before a large gathering, including Brigadier A. B. Thomson and Brigadier J. T. W. Reeve and officers of the garrison.

Brig. Thomson distributed the prizes.

Open Bantamweight: Pte. Hope (Middlesex) knocked out Pte. Williams (Middlesex) in the second round.

Boys' Bantamweight: Tpr. Griffiths (8th Hvy. Bde. R.A.) beat Boy. McDonald (Royal Scots) on points.

Open Featherweight: L/Cpl. Noble (Middlesex) knocked out Pte. Lusham (Middlesex) in the first round.

Boys' Featherweight: Boy Stevens (Royal Scots) beat Boy. Hilkens (Middlesex) on points.

Open Lightweight: Cpl. Ellis (Middlesex) beat Pte. Scott (Royal Scots) on a technical knock-out in the second round.

Boys' Lightweight: Tpr. Williamson (R.A.) beat Boy. Rowe (Middlesex) on points.

Open Middleweight: Gnr. Franklyn (R.A.) beat Bds. Emmerson (Royal Scots) on points.

Boys' Welterweight: Tpr. Brennan (8th Hvy. Bde. R.A.) beat Tpr. Richardson (8th Hvy. Bde. R.A.) on points.

Open Light-Heavyweight: Pte. Foakes (Middlesex) beat L/Cpl. Betts (Middlesex) on points.

Open Welterweight: Pte. McReady (Royal Scots) knocked out L/Cpl. Harris (Middlesex) in the second round.

Open Heavyweight: Pte. Moran (Middlesex) conceded a walk-over as he was the only entrant in this division.

In the Open Competition, bouts were of three rounds of two minutes each, while the Boys' Competition were three rounds of one minute each.

## WOLVES HOT FAVOURITES FOR F.A. CUP

London, To-day.—Wolverhampton Wanderers are strongly favoured to win the English Football Association Cup Final against Portsmouth at Wembley to-morrow. The betting is at least 3 to 1 on the Wolves.

In order to ease nervous strain, Portsmouth have hit upon the novel idea of having their players entertained by a comedian with recitations and jokes in the dressing-room for half an hour before the game starts.

The Wolves have been training at home but Portsmouth spent the last few days on the South Coast.

The teams are:

Wolves:—Scott; Morris and Taylor; Galley, Cullis and Gardiner; Burton, McIntosh, Westcott, Dorsett and McGuire.

Portsmouth:—Walker; Morgan and Rochford; Guthrie, Rowe and Wharton; Worral, McAlinden, Anderson, Barlow and Parker.—Reuter.

## To-Morrow's Bowls

(By "SKIP")

Forecasting the results of to-morrow's games is no easy task when one has had no friendly trial games as a guide, nor, at the time of writing, little idea of the constitution of the teams.

The first match on the programme is between Kowloon Dock and Civil Servants and a repetition of last year's win for the home team, appears likely. The visitors have Arthur Grimmel back as skip with Rakusen as his third man and Jack Hollidge and Jack Deakin filling the other two key positions. Jock McKelvie is away on leave and although I have not heard who is to fill his berth, I have little doubt that Fred Cullen and J. C. Brown will carry on as skips of the other two rinks, as both will be available.

### C. M. SILVA PROMOTED

The champions, Club de Recreio, commenced last season by losing their first two games, after which they won the rest, so a defeat by Kowloon Bowls Green Club to-morrow would not upset them. Although it would upset the critics!

C. M. Silva, who created such a good impression in the Open Singles and Pairs last year (he is joint holder of the latter title of course) has been promoted from the second team and can be relied on to pull his weight, a remark which applies to "Doc" Gutierrez who played consistently good bowls in 1938. Jackie Noronha has established himself as a number three and has the requisite personality for the job.

Of the visitors, Willie Manfarlane after a long absence from League bowls is making a come-back and he has a newly promoted third man in Stan Drake who has skipped Second Division rinks successfully in the past.

Tommy Robson, a newcomer, is to play as second man to Adam Holland just back from leave, with W. L. Walker as lead and J. C. Gill the third man.

Craigengower who have had many a

newly promoted "B" team and may be expected to win fairly comfortably down at the Valley.

The Indians will entertain Kowloon Cricket Club, who, as I anticipated, have a useful side out. Frank Goodwin returns as skip, with Hughie Nish as his right-hand man, whilst the old combination of Overy as third man to Teddy Fincher, is able to turn out again, contrary to my previous information. The Sookunpoor men will have a difficult task to repeat their last year's result but ground advantage may swing the pendulum.

### SECOND DIVISION

Civil Servants will be at home to Kowloon Bowls Green Club, who appear to be very strong, and should win, to reverse the result of last season when these two teams met in the opening match of the season.

Tai Kok Dock is always a hard team to beat down at Quarry Bay and I do not think the Craigengower team will be able to do it, although I have no idea how the team will be constituted.

The two newcomers to this League, Kowloon Tong and Kowloon Football Club, meet at Waterloo Road and taking last year's form as a guide, which I think is a fair indication, the visitors should win.

Hong Kong Football Club, with a greater number of players to choose from for their first team, should avenge their defeat at the hands of Polots last year.

Two of the newcomers to the Third Division, Kowloon Bowls Green Club and the Prison Officers' Club, are due to meet at Austin Road and a good win for the home team is in the offing. Club de Recreio should be able to get the better of the Kowloon Cricketers in spite of the venue, whilst ground advantage, very important at this stage of the season, should prove the deciding factor in the game in which H.K. Football Club and Craigengower entertain the Kowloon Footballers and Home Guard Club respectively.

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Stoke  
Bolton  
Fulham  
Wednesday  
Alternatives:—Everton, Ipswich,  
Crewe, Reading.

**THREE PROBABLE DRAWS**

Oldham  
Clapton  
Preston

**F.A. CUP (FINAL)**  
Portsmouth v WOLVES**FIRST DIVISION**

BIRMINGHAM (3) v Leeds (2)  
BOLTON (-) v Manchester U. (-)  
BRENTFORD (2) v Blackpool (4)  
Derby (2) v ARSENAL (0)  
EVERTON (-) v Aston Villa (-)  
Preston (0) v Chelsea (0)  
STOKE (2) v Charlton (0)  
SUNDERLAND (2) v Huddersfield (1)

**SECOND DIVISION**

Coventry (2) v Sheffield U. (2)  
FULHAM (4) v Bury (0)  
MANCHES-  
TER C. (-) v Chesterfield (-)  
MILLWALL (-) v Tranmere (-)  
Newcastle (1) v LUTON (3)  
NOTTS F. (1) v Plymouth (0)  
WEDNES-

DAY (0) v Tottenham (3)  
Southampton (0) v Burnley (0)  
SWANSEA (0) v Bradford (1)  
WEST HAM (-) v Norwich (-)

**THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)**

BRIGHTON (3) v Bristol R. (0)  
Bristol C. (8) v Aldershot (1)

Cardiff (4) v Mansfield (1)  
Clapton (1) v Swindon (0)  
CRYSTAL P. (3) v Notts C. (1)  
Exeter (0) v Queen's P.R. (4)  
IPSWICH (3) v Walsall (0)  
NEWPORT (-) v Port Vale (-)  
READING (4) v Bournemouth (1)  
TORQUAY (3) v Southend (3)  
WATFORD (1) v Northampton (8)

**THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)**

Accrington (-) v STOCKPORT (-)  
BARNESLEY (-) v Lincoln (-)  
BARROW (1) v Gateshead (3)  
Carlisle (0) v Rochdale (1)  
CREWE (3) v Rotherham (1)  
Darlington (2) v York (2)  
NEW BRIGH-

TON (4) v Chester (0)  
Oldham (1) v Hull (1)  
SOUTHPORT (1) v Doncaster (8)

**SCOTTISH LEAGUE****(FIRST DIVISION)**

Aberdeen (0) v RANGERS (3)  
ALBION (-) v Raith (-)  
AYR (1) v Third Lanark (1)  
CLYDE (2) v Kilmarnock (2)  
Hamilton (2) v HEARTS (3)  
HIBERNIAN (1) v Motherwell (1)  
PARTICK (2) v Falkirk (1)  
Queen's Park (3) v Queen O'S. (3)

**THREE LIKELY AWAY WINS**

Rangers  
Stockport  
Luton

**TEAMS TO BE AVOIDED**

West Ham.—Norwich are strug-  
gling to avoid relegation.

Coventry.—Sheffield United's pro-  
motion may depend on the  
result here.

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## HOME FOOTBALL TABLES TO DATE

### FIRST DIVISION

	P. W.	D.	L.	F. A.	Pts.
Everton	40	26	5	9	85 49 57
Wolves	40	21	10	9	89 56 52
Charlton	40	21	6	18	73 57 48
Middlesbro'	40	20	8	13	92 73 48
Derby	41	19	8	14	65 53 46
Bolton	40	18	13	11	66 57 45
Arsenal	40	17	9	14	51 40 43
Stoke	40	16	11	13	71 68 43
Preston	41	16	11	14	61 55 43
Liverpool	41	14	14	13	62 61 42
Grimsby	41	15	11	15	58 69 41
Aston Villa	40	16	8	16	70 57 40
Leeds	41	16	8	17	59 64 40
Portsmouth	41	12	13	16	46 68 37
Sunderland	40	13	10	17	54 67 36
Brentford	40	14	7	10	52 70 35
Blackpool	40	11	13	16	53 66 36
Manchester U.	40	10	15	15	55 65 35
Huddersfield	41	12	10	19	59 64 34
Chelsea	40	12	7	21	62 78 31
Birmingham	41	11	8	22	58 84 30
Leicester	41	9	11	21	48 80 29

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### SECOND DIVISION

	P. W.	D.	L.	F. A.	Pts.
Blackburn	41	24	5	12	92 60 53
Wednesday	41	19	12	10	87 61 50
Sheffield U.	40	18	14	8	61 39 50
Luton	40	22	5	13	81 61 49
Coventry	40	20	8	12	59 47 48
Manchester C.	40	30	7	13	92 69 47
Chesterfield	40	19	9	12	62 48 47
Tottenham	40	19	9	12	65 54 47
Newcastle	41	17	10	14	59 49 44
Fulham	41	17	10	14	60 53 44
West Brom.	41	17	9	15	87 70 43
West Ham	41	16	10	15	68 51 42
Millwall	41	13	14	14	62 52 40
Burnley	41	15	9	17	49 54 39
Plymouth	40	14	8	18	46 53 36
Bradford	41	12	11	18	61 80 35
Bury	41	11	13	17	62 73 35
Southampton	40	12	9	19	54 79 33
Swansea	40	11	11	18	47 75 33
Norwich	39	12	5	22	46 85 29
Notts F.	40	9	11	20	47 80 29
Tranmere	41	6	5	30	38 97 17

### THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

	P. W.	D.	L.	F. A.	Pts.
Newport	40	22	11	7	58 88 55
Crystal P.	39	19	11	9	65 49 49
Brighton	41	18	11	12	62 47 47
Reading	40	15	14	11	87 57 44
Watford	41	16	12	13	60 51 44
Aldershot	41	16	12	13	59 65 44
Notts C.	40	17	8	15	58 49 42
Swindon	40	17	8	15	69 68 42
Cardiff	40	15	10	15	58 59 40
Queen's P.R.	40	14	12	14	68 47 40
Bristol C.	40	14	11	15	56 60 39
Exeter	40	13	13	14	62 77 39
Southend	40	15	9	18	55 61 38
Bournemouth	39	13	12	14	50 67 38
Ipswich	39	13	12	14	57 60 38
Northampton	39	15	7	17	51 53 37
Mansfield	40	11	14	15	40 60 36
Bristol R.	41	11	13	17	54 53 35
Port Vale	40	13	8	19	49 61 34
Torquay	39	12	9	18	46 65 33
Clapton O.	40	10	12	18	47 57 32
Walsall	40	10	11	19	62 65 31

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### THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

	P. W.	D.	L.	F. A.	Pts.
Barnsley	41	29	7	5	90 34 65
Doncaster	39	19	14	6	77 48 52
Bradford C.	40	21	8	11	85 53 50
Southport	40	19	10	11	72 48 48
Oldham	41	21	5	15	71 55 47
Hull	41	18	10	18	72 70 46
Chester	40	18	9	13	82 67 45
Stockport	41	18	8	15	87 70 44
Crewe	41	19	5	17	84 21 43
Rotherham	41	17	7	17	64 64 41
Wrexham	41	17	6	18	68 80 40
Barrow	41	16	8	17	65 64 40
Gateshead	40	14	12	14	72 45 40
Halifax	40	18	14	13	45 47 40
Dundee	41	15	9	17	91 77 39
New Brighton	41	15	9	17	87 70 39
Lincoln	40	12	9	19	64 82 39
Darlington	41	13	7	21	61 90 39
Carlisle	40	12	6	22	80 100 20
Warrington	40	12	6	22	88 80 20
York	40	11	8	21	59 81 20
Accrington	41	6	6	29	46 100 18

## Armour's Swing

### By BEST BALL

Tommy Armour has long been noted for his crisp, powerful iron play. Much of the secret of his success lies in his hands which are among the strongest in professional ranks. Another point in which Armour is distinctive is the manner in which he keeps his right arm close to the body in the back-stroke.

Armour possesses a considerable pivot but he moves so smoothly he is able to take the club back without calling on the right arm to push the clubhead up and thus flapping out away from the body. This keeps the clubhead travelling on an inside out arc.

If the right arm is allowed to drift away from the body, the downstroke oftentimes swings outside the line of flight and cuts across the ball from the outside in. Tommy keeps his position over the

### GRAPHIC GOLF



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ball unchanged throughout the stroke, the head down and the chin pointed back of the ball until well after impact.

Monday—Watch The Clubhead.

### ENGLISH AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

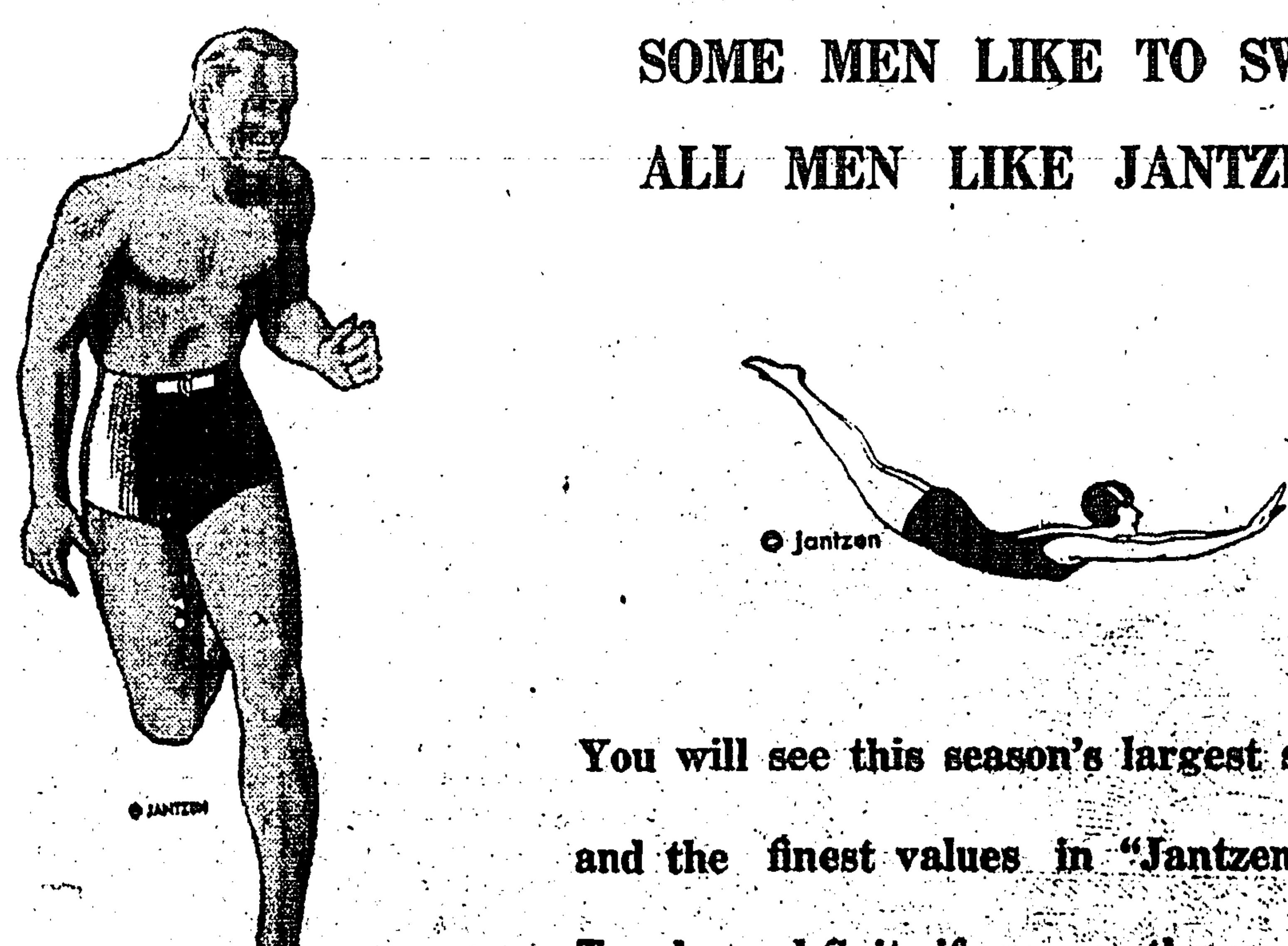
Southport, To-day.—In the fifth round of the English Amateur Golf championships, C. W. Mole, of Reading, beat Nugent Head, by 8 and 6, Leonard Crawley beat E. Bromley Davenport of Cheshire, the Walker Cup trials player, by 7 and 5, while White beat C. H. V. Elliott, of Notts, by 3 and 1.

The quarter-finals and finals will be played to-day.

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# LEAGUE TABLES & FORM GUIDE

## COLONY TENNIS

### FINE DISPLAY BY LEE WAI-TONG

(By "ADREM")

As was generally expected, there will be an all-Tsui singles tennis final. Tsui Wai-pui beat S. A. Rumjahn on Tuesday, and yesterday, Yan-pui emerged victorious in his game with Lee Wai-tong, the score being 6-4, 6-2, 12-10.

Although both players were inclined to make errors at unexpected moments, the tennis was never dull yesterday and in the final set, which Tsui won after a great struggle which went to 22 games, some really thrilling rallies were witnessed.

Lee played so well in the last set and Tsui looked so worried that it is quite conceivable that the soccer player would eventually have won. He gave the impression of supreme fitness and showed more inclination to run than that he had earlier on.

The first two sets, while being fairly interesting, produced nothing very much over which to enthuse. Tsui found his touch right away and his firm effortless driving on both hands was a delight to watch.

Main feature of his game throughout, was his uncanny anticipation and ball-control. His drop-shot rarely failed to score until the last set when Lee produced a counter in the form of a sharp cross-court flick.

**EFFECTIVE BACK-HAND**  
Lee was not convincing off the ground in the first two sets. His

**There will be no tennis today owing to the inclement weather.**

forehand at no time ever rose beyond mediocrity. On his backhand he was more effective and the vicious spin he imparted to the ball caused it to come off the ground quickly and at a disconcerting angle. His heavily-sliced service was always difficult to take liberties with although he served quite a number of double-faults.

Tsui won the first two games of the first set but Lee came back strongly to lead 3-2. Tsui equalised at 3-all but after 4-all had been called he won the next two games for the first set.

He had little difficulty with the second, which he won for the loss of the first and fifth games.

The last set produced quite a different tale. Lee, playing very well, went to 3-1, 4-1, and was leading 40-15, with every opportunity of placing himself in a commanding position in the sixth game, but Tsui rallied strongly to take that game and the next, for 3-4. Another Lee success and it was 5-3. Once again Tsui levelled, and then the lead alternated until Tsui finally went out at 12-10.

## THOUSAND GUINEAS

**London, To-day.**  
Romulea and Bulle de Savon are omitted from the list of probable starters and jockeys for the One Thousand Guineas to be run at Newmarket tomorrow.

The following minor amendments have been made in the riders:

Her Slipper (Crouch), Amy Roberts (Cliff Richards), Galatea II (Jones), Titbit (Richardson), Seaway (Simpson), Arsenal (Sam Wragg), Quite Contrary (Sibbitt), Infra-Red (Stephenson) and Curtain Call (Pat Beasley). Wavelength has been withdrawn.—Reuter.

## TENNIS RESULTS

### Opens Singles

Tsui Yun Pui beat Lee Wai-Tong, 6-4, 6-2, 12-10.

### Club Mixed Doubles

W. Sander and Miss A. Tylor (-15) beat T. J. Gould and Mrs. Whyte Smith (-2.6), 8-6, 7-5.

H. J. Armstrong and Mrs. Andrews (-15.3) beat Mr. and Mrs. L. Goldman, (-15), 6-2, 6-3.

## ARMY CRICKET

### Artillery Defeat Middlesex

Royal Artillery yesterday entered the final of the Large Unit's cricket competition when they caused a surprise by beating the holders, Middlesex Regiment, by 31 runs at Sookunpoo.

Barsby, Dilnot and Baker bowled splendidly for the winners, dismissing Middlesex for 100 runs.

### ROYAL ARTILLERY

Lt. Hook, b Hatfield	3
Lt. Ingram, c Jones, b Painter	11
Gnr. Hodgeson, c Pearson, b Hatfield	0
C.M.S. Flinter, run out	12
Sgt. Baker, lb.w., b Painter	7
Lt. Skipworth, c Weedon, b Painter	12
Bdr. Carter, c Weedon, b Peal	15
Gnr. Barrow, b Hatfield	27
Sgt. Dilnot, st. Man, b Hatfield	10
Chaplin, not out	7
Barsby, c Peal, b Hatfield	16
Extras (B13, WB2, NB2)	17

Bowling Analysis	O. M. R. W.
Paterson	6 1 15 0
Hatfield	13.1 5 88 5
Painter	8 0 27 3
Pearson	4 1 10 0
Peal	4 0 24 1

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Pte. Jones, lb.w., b Barsby	7
Lt. Man, c Baker, b Dilnot	0
Lt. Weedon, c Baker, b Barsby	3
Major Worton, b Dilnot	11
Sgt. Painter, b Barsby	2
Sgt. Cooper, b Barsby	8
Pte. Pearson, b Baker	29
Pte. Chatton, c Dilnot, b Baker	11
Pte. Hatfield, c Chaplin, b Baker	22
Lt. Peal, not out	3
C.S.M. Paterson, b Baker	0
Extras (LB2, WB2)	4

Bowling Analysis	O. M. R. W.
Barsby	11 2 33 4
Dilnot	10 2 24 2
Chaplin	6 1 16 0
Baker	6 1 23 4

100	Bowling Analysis	O. M. R. W.
Barsby	11 2 33 4	
Dilnot	10 2 24 2	
Chaplin	6 1 16 0	
Baker	6 1 23 4	

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NO GREASE NO MESS NO RAZOR CLOG	—
With the whiskers — Smooth the skin	—

SAPPHIRE

COVERING the last five League matches, this guide to current form in the English and Scottish Football Leagues indicates venue, opponent and result, with the most recent result on the extreme right column, i.e. (a18) indicates that the team played away to Team No. 18.

### FIRST DIVISION

1	Arsenal	(a 4) 0-1 (a 3) 2-1 (h 4) 2-1 (h 18) 2-1 (a 20) 0-1
2	Aston Villa	(a 7) 0-1 (a 22) 1-2 (h 22) 2-2 (h 5) 1-3 (a 13) 0-2
3	Birmingham	(h 1) 1-2 (h 15) 0-0 (a 6) 1-0 (h 4) 2-1 (h 8) 1-1
4	Blackpool	(h 1) 1-0 (a 14) 4-3 (a 1) 1-2 (h 2) 3-1 (h 22) 0-0 (h 19) 1-0
5	Bolton	(h 21) 2-1 (a 20) 1-4 (a 2) 3-1 (h 22) 0-0 (h 19) 1-0
6	Brentford	(h 19) 3-1 (a 17) 1-3 (a 19) 0-2 (h 3) 0-1 (a 16) 0-3
7	Charlton	(h 8) 2-0 (h 2) 1-0 (a 8) 3-1 (a 22) 1-3 (h 10) 2-1
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10	Everton	(a 21) 2-1 (a 8) 2-0 (h 21) 6-2 (h 19) 0-0 (a 7) 1-2
11	Grimsby	(a 13) 1-0 (a 12) 0-2 (h 15) 2-1 (a 18) 1-2 (a 14) 2-0
12	Huddersfield	(a 20) 2-2 (h 11) 2-0 (h 8) 3-1 (a 13) 1-2 (a 19) 0-3
13	Leeds	(h 11) 0-1 (h 16) 3-1 (a 21) 1-2 (h 12) 2-1 (h 2) 2-0
14	Leicester	(h 4) 3-4 (a 17) 2-3 (h 17) 5-3 (a 9) 1-1 (h 1) 0-2
15	Liverpool	(h 3) 4-0 (h 9) 2-1 (a 3) 0-0 (a 11) 1-2 (h 21) 1-1
16	Manchester U.	(h 13) 0-0 (h 18) 1-1 (a 13) 1-3 (a 1) 1-2 (h 21) 3-0
17	Middlesbro'	(h 6) 3-1 (h 14) 3-2 (a 14) 3-5 (a 4) 0-4 (h 9) 2-0
18	Portsmouth	(a 16) 1-1 (a 9) 1-0-2 (h 20) 2-0 (h 11) 2-1 (a 8) 0-1
19	Preston	(h 22) 4-2 (h 6) 2-0 (a 10) 0-0 (h 12) 3-0 (a 5) 0-1
20	Stoke	(a 10) 1-1 (h 12) 2-2 (h 5) 4-1 (a 18) 0-2 (h 1) 1-0
21	Sunderland	(h 10) 1-2 (a 5) 1-2 (a 10) 2-6 (h 13) 2-1 (a 15) 1-1
22	Wolves	(a 19) 2-4 (h 2) 2-1 (a 2) 2-2 (h 7) 3-1 (a 5) 0-0

### SECOND DIVISION

1	Blackburn	(a 12) 0-4 (a 7) 2-1 (h 16) 3-0 (a 14) 0-1 (a 15) 0-0
2	Bradford	(a 22) 2-0 (a 13) 0-2 (h 22) 1-2 (h 15) 0-3 (a 21) 2-0
3	Burnley	(a 19) 3-0 (h 15) 2-3 (h 22) 1-0 (a 9) 0-2 (h 20) 1-2
4	Bury	(h 9) 1-5 (a 15) 1-1 (a 9) 0-0 (h 11) 1-1 (a 18) 3-4
5	Chesterfield	(h 11) 2-0 (a 16) 2-2 (h 8) 1-2 (a 13) 1-0 (h 7) 0-1
6	Coventry	(h 12) 1-1 (h 12) 2-0 (a 7) 0-1 (h 19) 2-0 (h 22) 0-0
7	Fulham	(a 1) 1-2 (h 6) 1-0 (h 20) 2-2 (a 15) 0-2 (a 6) 1-0
8	Luton	(h 16) 6-2 (h 7) 2-1 (a 16) 4-0 (a 5) 2-1 (h 10) 0-0
9	Manchester C.	(a 11) 2-0 (h 4) 0-0 (h 3) 2-0 (a 12) 0-0 (h 20) 1-1
10	Millwall	(h 20) 2-0 (a 21) 0-0 (a 20) 1-3 (h 18) 2-0 (a 8) 0-0
11	Newcastle	(a 10) 1-1 (a 5) 0-2 (h 9) 0-2 (a 4) 1-1 (h 17) 1-2
12	Norwich	(h 1) 4-0 (h 6) 1-1 (a 6) 0-2 (a 15) 1-0 (h 9) 0-0
13	Notts F.	(h 21) 2-0 (h 2) 2-0 (a 21) 0-0 (a 20) 1-1 (h 5) 0-1
14	Plymouth	(a 18) 6-2 (h 20) 1-1 (h 18) 0-1 (a 17) 1-2 (h 1) 1-0
15	Sheffield U.	(a 8) 3-2 (h 4) 1-1 (a 2) 3-0 (h 7) 2-0 (h 1) 0-0
16	Southampton	(a 8) 2-6 (h 5) 2-2 (h 8) 0-4 (a 1) 0-3 (h 22) 0-2
17	Swansea	(a 6) 0-3 (h 19) 1-0 (h 14) 2-1 (a 21) 0-0 (a 11) 0-2
18	Tottenham	(h 14) 1-0 (h 19) 3-1 (a 14) 1-0 (a 10) 0-2 (h 4) 4-3
19	Tranmere	(h 17) 2-0 (a 18) 1-3 (a 17) 0-1 (h 12) 0-1 (a 6) 0-2
20	Wednesday	(h 10) 3-1 (h 13) 1-1 (a 7) 2-2 (a 3) 2-1 (a 9) 1-1
21	West Brom.	(h 10) 0-0 (h 13) 0-0 (a 22) 1-2 (h 17) 0-0 (h 2) 0-2
22	West Ham	(a 8) 0-1 (a 2) 2-1 (h 21) 2-1 (a 16) 2-0 (a 6) 0-0

### THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

1	Aldershot	(a 22) 1-1 (h 10) 3-1 (h 15) 1-0 (a 2) 0-4 (a 10) 2-7
2	Bournemouth	(a 8) 1-1 (h 19) 2-0 (h 3) 2-0 (a 15) 0-2 (h 1) 4-0
3	Brighton	(h 15) 1-0

Helen Lockhart  
(Contralto)  
From The Studio

12.12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.  
12.30 p.m.—Simon Barer at the Piano. "Islamé" Oriental Fantaisie (Balakirev); Sonetto No. 104 Del Petrarca (from "Annees de Pelerinage"—Liszt).  
12.45 p.m.—Liszt—Hungarian Rhapsody No. 1 & No. 3. Hungarian Rhapsody No. 1... Berlin State Opera Orchestra cond. by Prof. Hermann Abendroth.  
Hungarian Rhapsody No. 3... Grand Symphony Orchestra.  
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.  
1.03 p.m.—Roy Fox & His Orchestra with Elsie Carlisle (Vocal). There's A Gold Mine In The Sky—Fox-Trot; True Confession—Fox-Trot (from the film)... Roy Fox & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain by Denny Dennis.  
So Many Memories (Woods)... Elsie Carlisle (Vocal) with Orchestra.  
The Cross-Eyed Cowboy On The Cross-Eyed Horse—Fox-Trot; Silvery Moon And Golden Sands—Fox-Trot... Roy Fox & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain by Denny Dennis.

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Souvenir Of Love—Fox-Trot (film "Sailing along"); Trusting My Luck—Fox-Trot (film "Sailing along")... Roy Fox & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain by Denny Dennis.  
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.  
1.40 p.m.—Dvorak—Quintet In A Major, Op. 81. Artur Schnabel (Piano) and The Pro Arte Quartet.  
2.15 p.m.—Close down.  
6 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.  
(a) Two Dreams got together; (b) Stop! Beating around the Mulberry Bush; (c) Heart and Soul; (d) Don't cross your fingers.  
6.14 p.m.—Records: On The Beach At

Bali-Bali (Meskill-Silver); I Met My Waterloo (Boswell-Schwartz)... Connie Boswell (Vocal) with Bob Crosby & His Orchestra.

6.21 p.m.—(a) One Song; (b) If Dreams come true; (c) Love is where you find it; (d) A-Tisket A-Tasket.

6.35 p.m.—Records: The Punch and Judy Show (Black); Dance Of The Raindrops (Evans)... Rudy Starita (Xylophone) with Piano and Saxophone.

"The King Steps Out"—Waltz Medley... The Keyboarders (Two Pianos & Drums).

6.44 p.m.—(a) Cowboy and the Lady; (b) I found my Yellow Basket; (c) Confessin'; (d) China Town.

7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.02 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"Songs From The Shows". A Programme of Tunes from English Musical Comedies, arranged and produced in the London studios of the British Broadcasting Corporation by John Watt. Cast: Anona Winn; Olivé Groves; Reginald Purcell; George Baker and The B.B.C. Revue Chorus and the Orchestra conducted by Leslie Woodgate.

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Studio—Champkin and Cassidy back again.

8.15 p.m.—Folk Music.

Dark Eyes (Russian Gipsy Air)... Rode & His Tziganes.

La Pena (film "Violettes Imperiales"); Gitana, Gitana (Prado and Romero)... Raquel Meller (Vocal) with Barcelona Municipal Orchestra. (In Spanish).

Scandinavian Dances: (a) Swedish Schottische; (b) Toast To King

Champkin And Cassidy Are Back Again

Gustav; (c) Rosspiggspolka... Folk Dance Orchestra conducted by Victor Olof.

8.30 p.m.—London Relay—Golf—English Native Amateur Championships. An account of the morning's play from Birkdale Golf Course, Southport.

8.45 p.m.—Studio—Concert by Helen Lockhart (Contralto) and E. O'Neil Shaw (Piano).

1. Recit. & Air from "Theodora"—Sweet Rose and Lily (Handel).

2. Sunday (Brahms).

3. Maria Wiegendlied (Max Reger)... Helen Lockhart accompanied by E. O'Neil Shaw.

4. Piano Solo by E. O'Neil Shaw.

5. None but the Lonely Heart (Tchaikovsky).

6. The Coquette (Pergolesi)... Helen Lockhart accompanied by E. O'Neil Shaw.

7. Piano Solo by E. O'Neil Shaw.

8. Marie (Franz).

9. Thou'rt Like a Lovely Flower (Cantor).

10. The Sweetest Flower that Blows (Hawley)... Helen Lockhart accompanied by E. O'Neil Shaw.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—More Food for Thought'.

9.45 p.m.—London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.

9.50 p.m.—Next week's programme.

9.55 p.m.—Mozart—"The Magic Flute" Act 1. Singers in order of appearance: Roswaenge; Scheppan; Marherr; Berglund; Husch; Sohn; Berger; Tessmer; Lemnitz; Heilke; Splatter; Grossmann; Strienz and Chorus with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham.

11 p.m.—Close down.



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♦ 9 6 5  
♦ K J 9 2  
♦ J 7 6 5 4  
♦ A J 9 7  
♦ 4 2  
♦ Q 3  
♦ 8 6 5 3  
♦ Q  
♦ Q 10 5  
♦ A 10 2  
♦ A Q 10 7 4  
♦ A 8

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The bidding:  
South West North East  
INT Pass 2NT 3NT  
3NT Pass Pass Pass

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hand. The bidding was as follows:

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Howard Schenken was your partner Saturday. You dealt and held:

♦ Q x x  
♦ x x  
♦ A K x x  
♦ A K J x

The bidding:  
Jacoby Schenken Burnstone  
10 Pass 14 Pass

ANSWER: Your correct bid is two clubs. If Mr. Schenken passes, you undoubtedly have not missed a game. If he bids two diamonds, you bid two spades; if he bids two spades, you bid three spades; if he bids two notrump, you bid three notrump.

Score 100% for two clubs, 70% for two spades (an underbid), 50% for three spades (an immediate jump raise is always undesirable with three trumps), 0 for one or two notrump (you have a worthless doubleton in hearts), and if the hand does play at notrump, your partner should be the Declarer.

Question No. 85

Your partner, Oswald Jacoby, opens the bidding with one spade. You hold:

♦ J x  
♦ A 2 x  
♦ Q x x  
♦ K x x

What do you bid? (Answer next page.)

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Dr. Branson said that on March 30 he received instructions to examine the contents of the stomach of a woman, Leung Sam, 50, who died after eating "Kai Po Yu", a kind of puffer fish.

No chemical evidence could be found. This kind of fish was only poisonous at certain periods of the year. The poison was like snake venom and the poisoning period was during the spawning season.

Dr. Branson stated that a similar case occurred in 1936 at Tai Po and then also no chemical evidence could be established. In that case, six persons died.

The inquest was adjourned.

The Air Raid Precautions Officer announces that a course of Air Raid Warden lectures in Chinese will be held at Yaumati Government School on Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 3 p.m. commencing on Wednesday, May 3. The lectures will be given by Mr. Fung Yam Leung.—Trans-Ocean.

## GERMAN TAX RETURNS

Berlin, To-day.

An increase of revenue from taxation by 4.2 milliard Marks in the fiscal year 1938/1939 is announced by the Ministry of Finance.

Receipts from taxation increased to about 18.2 milliard marks or by 30%.

Receipts from taxation yielded in the first 20 days of April, 1939, about 200 million Marks more than during the same period of last year.—Trans-Ocean.

## WHOLESALE PRICES DOWN

A general reduction in wholesale prices in the Colony is revealed in the quarterly statistics issued this morning.

Fool prices are down 10.7 per cent. as compared with this time last year, textiles by 17.1 per cent. and other commodities by approximately 10 per cent.

The average index figure is 122.9 as compared with 1922=100 and 188.1 in the first quarters of 1938.

## CONFERENCES CONTINUE

Paris, To-day.

Following his official visit to the President Lebrun yesterday, the Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Gafencu, returned to the French Foreign Ministry, accompanied by the Rumanian Ambassador, M. Tătărescu, and continued his conferences with M. Bonnet. A banquet was held last evening at the Rumanian Embassy.—Trans-Ocean.

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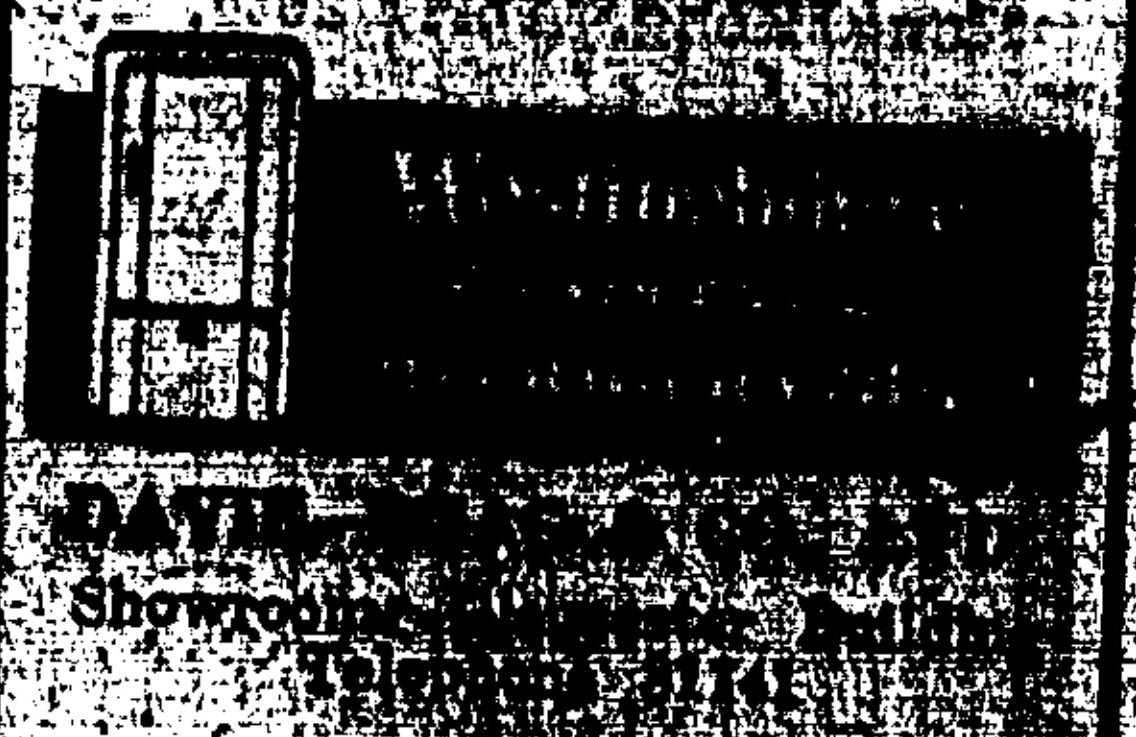
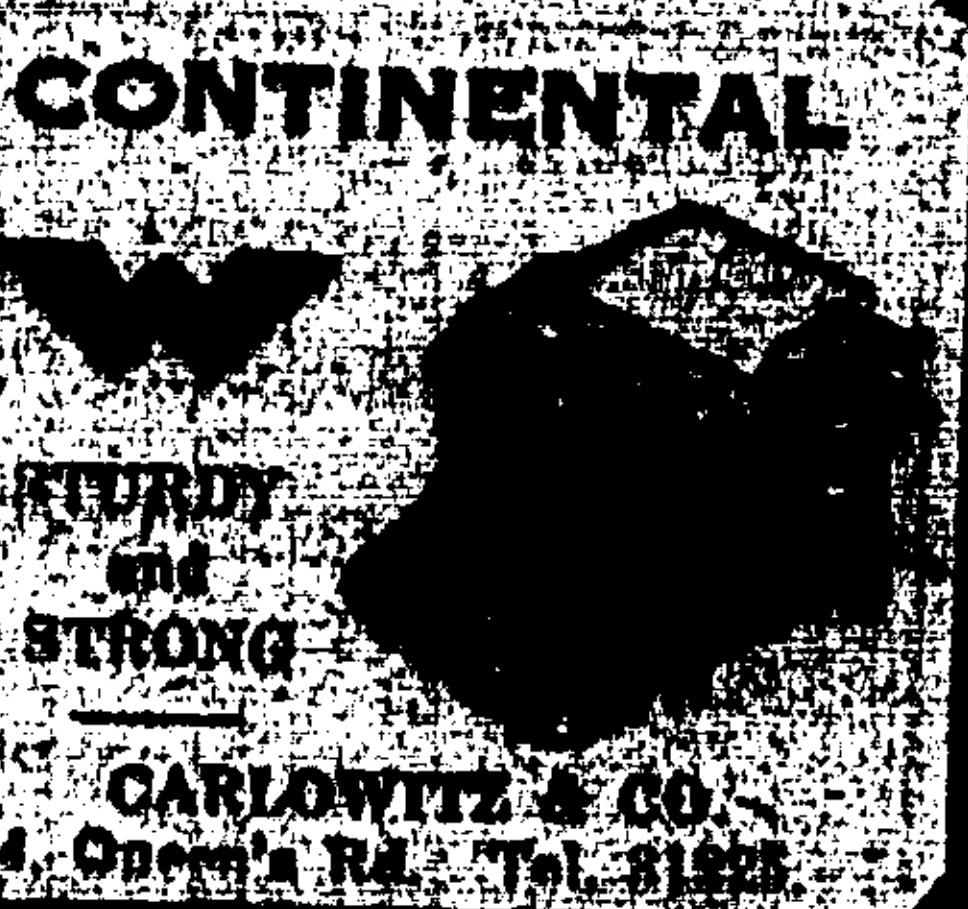
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